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Off-duty policeman killed in terror attack

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BILL HUTMAN and EVELYN GORDON

A PALESTINIAN terrorist yesterday shot and killed an off-duty policeman and moderately wounded his wife in a toy store in the village of Bidiya, near Aricl. the police and army spokesmen

The couple's 18-month-old son, who was with them, was not injured, but was still kept for observation at the The Rabin Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva.
First-Sgt. Meir Alnsh and bis

wife Nitza, of Ariel, had gone to the store, despite regulations forbidding off-duty policemeo from frequenting stores in Palestinian villages and towns, the police spokesman said.

Alush, 40, who served in the Samaria District Traffic Police, was pronounced dead at the scene. He is to buried today in Binyamina, where his parents

"We are shutting down all the stores in this stretch, and a curfew has been placed on Bidiya," said OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan. "We want to make it clear that life will not continue as tiormal after such a murder."

The army searched the area, and a handful of people were detained, but they were apparently witnesses. Investigators hoped they might lead them to the terrorist, security sources said.

The terrorist did not wear a mask.

The couple entered Mustafa's Toy Store, one of a number of stores along the stretch of the Trans-Samaria Highway that passes directly through Bidiya, at about 11:30 a.m., police sources

A few minutes later, the terrorist entered and fired bis pistol first at Alush, and then at his wife, from a distance of several meters. He apparently fired four or five times.

An unnamed eyewitness, interviewed on Arutz 7, said that the terrorists, speeding at 100 kph-110 kph, had passed several cars before stopping at the store. He said three men got out of the car and went into the store. One of them, wearing a green shirt, was armed with a pistol; the other two carried Kalashnikov assault rifles.

Alush, in civilian clothes, was not carrying his police-issued weapon, nor was it found in his car, the police spokesman said.

Nitza Alush, 35, blood dripping from a graze on her chest, ran out of the store holding her son and called for help. An Ariel resident driving by stopped and took them

(Continued on Page 2)

Five killed in Sderot accident

FIVE people, one of them a two-year-old boy, were killed yester-day evening in Sderot, when the driver of a car apparently failed to yield the right of way to a semitrailer at an intersection.

The truck hit the car with enough force to send it flying several dozen meters, and it hit Karen Bohadna – who was pushing her two children, five and two, in a stroller - before landing in a ditch.

David Bohadna, two, was killed on the spot; his mother was lightly injured and bis brother seriously injured. The car's four passengers: Esther Shetreet, 61; Perla Alkabetz, 60: Shlomo Alkabetz, 68; and his wife Esther, 64, were killed. The driver of the car, Jacques Alkabetz, was injured. The car's occupants, who are all related, were en route to a family

The truck driver's license was suspended and police are investi-

'New York Times'

The New York Times Weekly Review section does not appear with today's paper due to technical problems. We apologize for the inconvenience.





Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu, Tsomet's Rafael Eitan on his right, and Shas's Raphael Pinhasi sign the coalition agreement yesterday, as the Likud's Michael Eitan looks on.

Netanyahu plays hardball with Likud MKs

COMMENT

SARAH HONIG

THIS coalition-formation process is unlike any we have seen, and not only regarding the manner in which the partner parties were handled. The most unusual feature is the way members of the prime ministerelect's own party are being treated.

Coalition-formation time has without exception been the time for ambitious demands, personal conflicts, and umbrage. This is true of all sides of the political spectrum.

But these problems most often center around minor political operators with exaggerated expectations. Party higher-ups are generally well taken care of. This is not necessarily because too much love is lost between them and the person forming the government, but is due to simple expediency. It doesn't pay to leave a powerful figure totally outside, where he could be a loose cannon.

Yet such considerations do not seem to carry much weight with Binyamin Netanyahu, who had no trouble yesterday offering humiliating crumbs to the likes of Ariel Sharon, Ze'ev Begin, Dan Meridor, and

One explanation is that this is the outcome of his being the first prime minister to be elected directly. Yet when it came to negotiating with likely coalition partners, the new system did oot do away with the time-honored haggling and cliffhanging. Indeed, Netanyahu had to pay through the nose, and so dearly that the Likud was largely left with what everyone else rejected. But this still cannot account for everything which befell the Likud top echelon.

Even before the coalition bargaining was over, Netanyahu knew he would deprive his party of some of the biggest raisins in the cake and that this would create disconteot. In other words, he denied his party more portfolios than the coalition partners elicited from him. (Cootinoed oo Page 4)

Frenkel named finance minister

SARAH HONIG

THE oew finance minister will be Bank of Israel Governor Ya'acov Frenkel and attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman will be the new justice minister, prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu decided yesterday. But while these two outsider professionals were given coveted cabinet seats, the Likud's foremost politicians - Ariel Sharou, Dan Meridor, Ze'ev Begin, and Moshe Katsav - might

be left out of the government, By late last night it did not appear that any of the four would settle for what was being offered. The Likud was in an uproar and many spoke of a political earthquake whose outcome cannot be

Each of the disappointed four met separately with Netanyahu yesterday and Sharon and Meridor both asked for either Finance or Defense. Both were told the jobs were already assigned to others - Defense to political newcomer Yitzhak Mordechai and Finance to

Sharon was offered Housing and refused. His closest cronies said last night he is determined not to enter the government and feels deeply slighted by the Netanyahu, the man he was so instrumental in helping. Netanyahu said he would keep the Housing portfolio in trust for

Sharon, but those close to Sharon noted this had not been told him to his face. He would have rejected it outright, they said, since he has no intention of coming back for the Housing portfolio. Meridor went a step further. When he was told he could have

neither of the two portfolios he asked for, he all but implored Netanyahu to let him at least have his old Justice portfolio back. Thus he would not appear to have been demoted. But Netanyahu announced that

this job was already assigned to Ne'eman. Wheo Meridor was told (Cootinued oo Page 4)

Religious issues delay coalition deal

SARAH HONIG and DAVID MAKOVSKY

BY midnight last night it was still unclear whether prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu would be able to present his government to the Knesset today, and whether be even has a parliamentary majority.

Yisrael Ba'aliya continued to play hard to get and United Torah Judaism sulked and broke off negotiations.

Meanwhile, coalition agreements were signed yesterday with Shas, the National Religious Party, and The Third Way. However, these parties and the Likud give Netanyahu only 55 MKs. Unless he adds YB's seven MKs to the total, the UTJ's four MKs do not suffice - but if YB is in, the UTI becomes dispensable.

The coalition guidelines Netanyahu intends to present to the Knesset call for Israel to retain sovereignty over the Golan Heights in any negotiations with Syria. They express opposition to a Palestinian state, the return of Palestinian refugees to the territories, and any undermining of Israel's undivided, elemal and "exclusive sovereignty" over

Moreover, the guidelines say the negotiations with the Palestinian Authority on the final disposition of the territories is contingent upon the PA living up to its commitments. In contrast, there is no mention of Israel adheriog to commitments made by previous governments and there is also no Resolutions 242 and 338, the cornerstone of peacemaking for previous governments, including the Madrid peace conference.

It also states that the govern-ment will permit the IDF and security forces "to act against the threat of terrorism everywhere." At the signing ceremony with Shas and the NRP yesterday, Netanyahu reiterated his intention to present his government to the

Knesset today, but admitted that

"much work is left to be done with Yisrael Ba'aliya."

Realizing its pivotal position, continued pressing Netanyahu. Despite winning two ministerial appointments -Industry and Trade for Natan Sharansky and a padded Absorption portfolio for Yuli Edelstein) - YB objected to the

guidelines on religious affairs. These same guidelines were ostensibly what provoked UTJ. Its new MK, Meir Porush, said they did not go far enough, while Sharansky insisted they went way

UTJ is angry about the rejection of some of its specific requests, such as those regarding archeological digs in ancient grave sites, and the failure to restore the status quo on religious affairs that prevailed prior to Labor's 1992 victory. UTJ sees no way of redressing any of its grievances, because The Third Way will not support its religious legislation and the govemment is not likely to sponsor it: Thus UTJ will have no majority for its bills.

In addition, Yisrael Ba'aliya wants total freedom to vote its conscience on religious issues, cutting further into any support the UTI can expect.

UTI has also been unable to assert its claim to the Housing portfolio and does not want a Likud minister at the helm of a ministry it considers its own. All the above was aggravated last night by an unexpected demand attributed to Lithuanian haredi leader Rabbi Eliezer Schach, to have UTJ allotted the Religious Affairs portfolio.

At the other extreme of the religious issue. YB sees itself as representing the interests of new immigrants, many of whom are intermarried and who are beset by halachic problems. Thus YB wants to secure non-religious burials and civil marriages. While (Continued oo Page 2)

Early results show Yeltsin, Zyuganov will go to second round in Russian poll

MOSCOW (Reuter) - President Boris Yeltsin led the count in the first results from Russia's presidenual election yesterday, doing surprisingly well in regions in the Far East where Communists and nationalists traditionally shine.

After seven percent of votes had been counted, Yeltsin led with 32.3 percent and Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov was running second with 29.14%, Electoral Commission chairman Nikolai Ryabov said. Gen. Alexander Lebed, a lawand-order campaigner, was third

with 15.87%, followed by ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky and economist Grigory Yavlinsky. 9.55% and 8.42% respectively. The early results, heavily based on regions in the Far East and Siberia indicated oo candidate

would win the 50% needed for an outright victory.
Yeltsin and Zyuganov looked
set to go into a head-on-head

runoff ballot early next month. The 65-year-old president also led in an exit poll quoted by CNN. He had 35%, Zyuganov was second with 29%, and Lebed third with 15%.

The early results, from areas where polling closed several hours earlier than in the rest of the vast country, represented only a fraction of the 105 million eligible

But they signalled a strong start for Yeltsin in an election which will decide the future of democra-

tic reforms. Western governments and global financial markets were likely to welcome the early signs, because Yeltsin has vowed to push on with the market reforms he has made since he was elected in 1991, and Zyuganov is expected to slow them down or roll them back. Yeltsin's senior political aide Georgy Satarov said he was satisfied with the initial results, and that they fell into line with Kremlin forecasts.

"The satisfaction is oot so much with the (exit poll) forecasts as with the fact that uncertainty is being reduced," Satarov told NTV commercial television.

The Primorsky region, includ-ing Vladivostok, which accounts for 1.4% of the total electorate, voted 29.57% for Yeltsin and 24.5% for Zyuganov, Interfax news agency said after all votes had been counted.

Voting in the Sakhalin, Kamchatka, and Magadan region in the Far East fell broadly into line with this.

The pro-government party Our Home is Russia scored only 3.5% in Primorsky in a parliamentary election last December, while Zyuganov's Communists scored

The total turnout was expected to be about 70%, slightly less than had been widely predicted. Yeltsin campaign officials had been worried by the lower-thanexpected turnout, saying this might favor Zyuganov, because Communist voters are more disci-

Yeltsin has billed his re-election bid, in which he has benefited from blanket media coverage, as a crusade to stop a Communist comeback that would lead back to Soviet-style repression and eco-

nomic stagnation. Zyuganov, 51, whose party is already the largest in the State Duma lower chamber of parliameot, says Yeltsin has let the country sink into an abyss of poverty and crime. He rejects charges that a victory would spell

doom for democracy. Lebed, whose campaign as dominated by calls for law and order, was a surprise third.

Yeltsin's campaign advisers have been hoping Lebed would finish third, because they believe he would be ready to swing his support bebind Yeltsin for the sec-





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IDF source:

Sloppiness caused

last week's

ambush

DAVID RUDGE and Jerusalem Post Staff

THE ground for the Hizbullah ambush in which five IDF soldiers

were killed and eight wounded last

Monday was laid by sloppiness on the part of the IDF, a senior mili-

"The only thing missing was a sign: "To the ambush'," he said:
"There is no doubt that Hizbullah prepared its ambush well," he said: "Anyone saying differently in bring to have his head

ferently is trying to bury his head in the sand, and this is liable to pre-

vent the necessary lessons from being learned."

He said there is no doubt Hizbullah knew exactly what

route the soldiers would be tak-

ing to the ambush and back from

it, and prepared a counter-

ambush, even planting an explo-sive charge, which failed to go

This couldn't have been done

in a matter of seconds or minutes,

as some in the IDF are saying," he

Meznwhile, a South Lebanese

Army soldier was killed yesterday

in a roadside bomh hlast in the

Jezzine enclave, north of the secu-

rity zone, as fighting continued in

Haifa's Rambam Hospital on

Friday of wounds he suffered in a

similar attack in the Beit Yahoun

area last Sunday.

By last night, no organization had claimed responsibility for the

bomb blast in the Jezzine area,

although there were indications.

that it was probably the work of

According to military sources, Hizbullah's fighting arm, the

Islamic Resistance, has re-estab-

ished itself in villages north of

Since then, Hizbullah gunmen

have generally refrained from fir-

ing from the vicinity of villages

and have concentrated instead on.

operations deeper in the zone.

Nine IDF soldiers have been killed and 25 wounded since the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath

Sixteen IDF soldiers have been

killed in south Lebanon since the

beginning of the year, and 54 have.

been wounded.
Nine SLA soldiers have been

killed so far this year, and 28 have

The IDF Spokesman, mean-

while, confirmed yesterday that the IDF had arrested a Lebanese

journalist over the weekend for

providing Hizbullah with informa-

The AFP news agency said on

Friday that its stringer Ali Dia was

taken to Israel after he was asked

by SLA officers to report to their

headquarters in Marjayoun on

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tary source said yesterday.

THE 14th Knesset is scheduled to open this afternoon with a trumpet fanfare and guard of honor, even if prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu fails to form his new government

Shimon Peres will find himself in a new role, running the session from the speaker's chair. As the oldest MK, Peres, 72, will be sworn in by President Ezer Weizman and, as temporary speaker, will then swear in the other MKs.

If neither a new speaker nor a new government are announced at this session, Peres will continue as acting prime minister and Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi. the next oldest MK at age 70, will assume the speaker's post in the

Yesterday, the Knesset corridors resounded with rumors about who will be appointed speaker. Among the names being bandied around were MKs Eliahu Ben-Elissar and MK Dan Tichon (both Likud), while women's groups have been pushing for the appointment of Naomi Blumenthal (Likud).

Ovadia Eli, who was a deputy speaker in the 13th Knesset but who failed to get reelected this time, is also being considered, and has strong support from the religious parties. But he can only be named if the Knesset passes the "Norwegian law," under which MKs named ministers vacate their seats, which would move Eli into the Knesset. Diplomats, judges, mayors and former presidents, MKs and ministers have been invited to attend the opening ceremony, which will be hroadcast live on television and radio.

New MK Yona Yahav (Labor), however, has said he won't be swom in today, as the session clashes with the Haifa University ceremony at which his wife is receiving her doctorate, which he had promised to attend. The new Knesset will have 11 party fac-tions, up from 10 in the last Knesset. Yisrael Ba'aliya and The Third Way are the only new par-tles which succeeded in passing the electoral threshold. Of the 120

Peres: This gov't will go down in annals of Jewish people

THE outgoing Labor government will be remembered as one with historical and revolutionary achievements in the annals of the Jewish people, a somber Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared yesterday at the cabinet's farewell

"This was an excellent, just, and responsible government which attained a chapter in Jewish history, certainly a decisive chapter of Jewish history, and a decisive chapter of Israeli history," Peres summarized.

Not surprisingly, at the top of his list of achievements was the

Thank God, we are no longer ruling the majority of another people," he said. "This is a great revolution. If we would still be ruling two million Palestinians, we would be endangering two things: the true character of Israel and the hierarchy of values of the Jewish people. 1 see the Oslo not ruling others."

After ciong the regional benefits of the breakthrough with the Palestinians, such as the peace treaty with Jordan, Peres said that "the international image of Israel has changed radically. We have

become one of the most honored and admired countries in the

He also took pride in Israel's sharp economic growth, as well as the reduccion of unemployment from over 11 percent in 1992 to under 6 percent today, saying this is one of the lowest unemployment levels in the world.

The one discordant note at the meeting was a tense exchange between Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-

Sarid charged that the IDF did not properly investigate the loss of five soldiers in last week's Hizbullah ambush in southern Lebanon. In an interview after the meeting, Sarid refused to divulge details, since the matter is opera-

But he indicated that IDF investigations tend to deal with narrow tacocal considerations, rather than "the concept"

patrols are conducted. Sarid denied that he favored a unilateral withdrawal from the security zone, because he cannot be sure it would not lead to Hizbullah shooting into the Galilee from just across the border.

Liberal Jews petition against religious party's demands

HAIM SHAPIRO

LEADERS of the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel and ahroad have joined with women's groups, civil rights activists and archeologists to warn the new government of "the dangers to Israeli democracy, Judaism and the link with the Diaspora" if various demands of the religious parties are met.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA, the American Reform movement's Zionist organization, displayed petitions bearing thousands of signatures from Reform Jews in America, which he is conveying to prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu. The groups are to hold a demonstration today at the Prime Minister's Office.

Speaking of the attempts to prevent Reform and Conservative representatives from sitting on religious councils, and to prevent recognition of non-Orthodox conversions in Israel, Hirsch said the campaign of the religious parties against the non-Orthodox would "disenfranchise" the very Diaspora Jews who are acove in synagogues, Jewish federations, and other Jewish organizations.

Both Hirsch and Rabbi Robert Golub, executive director of Mercaz, the American Conservative movement's Zionist organization, stopped short of saying their members would boycott the UJA or other Israelrelated fund-raising. The two are co-chairmen of the North American Coalidon to Advance Religious Pluralism in Israel, a umbrella group which includes such organizations as the American Jewish Congress and the New Israel Fund. However, it does not include the ADL, the American Jewish Committee, or Hadassah, all groups which, in 1988, actively lobhied against any change in the Law of Return.

Asked why his group was not taking part, Harry Wall, director of the Israel office of the ADL, said he was reluctant to get involved at this

stage.

There was a tendency before the elections to paint the situation as

reliving the Who is a Jew controversy. We feel that that isn't the issue," He said that the ADL supported religious pluralism, but it wanted to

see what the Netanyahu government intended to do. Hadassah's Israel spokesman Eli Hacohen said that the issue of whether Hadassah would join the coalition would be decided by the national board at the organization's national convention in Florida next month.

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Shahal: We expected attacks during transition period

SECURITY forces expected Palestinian terror groups to increase their attacks during the interim period between governments, in an effort to torpedo relations between the Palestinian Authority and Israel, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday.

Shahal, speaking to reporters just after the first reports were received of the terrorist shooting of a policeman in Samaria, praised the cooperation Palestinian security forces have given the Israeli security forces in the past.

The policeman killed yesterday was the 29th killed in the past four years, according to Shahal.

"Immediately after the election I instructed the inspector-general tomake sure police remained on alert," Shahal said. "Our assessment was that terror groups, the Hamas and Islamic Jihad, would carry out attacks during the interim period to increase teosion

Israeli and Palestinian security forces, Shahal said, "my hope is that the new government will continue to encourage the cooperation between the two sides.

"Over the past several months, there have been a number of attacks that were prevented because of the help of the Palestinian security forces," Shahai said.

Addressing the larger issue of the war on terror, Shahal reiterated his posicion that Israel would only be able to deal with Palestinian terror by establishing a separation line roughly along the 1967 border.

"There is no choice hut to implement the separation plan." Shahal said. "The separation plan is the only solution, regardless of whether the government is of the left or of the right.

The question is only how many more attacks there will be until it will be understood that this plan must be implemented," added He blamed Finance Going on to emphasis the impor- Minister Avraham Shohat for not tance of cooperation between the making the funding available.

MKs divide up Knesset committees

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset House Committee and an appointments committee, including Likud MKs Michael Eitan and Yehoshua Matza, spent yesterday trying to determine which parties would head the various Knesset committees.

Traditionally, the ruling coalidon controls the most important committees - Foreign Affairs and Defense, Finance, and Law - while the opposition holds State Control, Interior and Economics. Labor facoon chairman Ra'anan Cohen challenged this and is demanding the Left be given five committees.

"If the Likud wasn't smart enough to object to the distribuoon last time, that's their problem," he told reporters yesterday.

Cohen said the new opposition would work on a rotation system to give as many MKs as possible a chance to head committees. He is expected to share his posicion as faction chairman with Yossi Beilin. Several ontgoing ministers and deputy ministers are expected

IDF denies delay

at Erez caused

man's death

THE army yesterday denied

Palestinian charges that soldiers

caused the death of a heart patient

hy delaying his entry from Gaza

to Israel for treatment by three

Avi Gambash, spokesman for

the army's coordinating office at the Erez checkpoint, said soldiers

kept the man at the crossing last

Thursday for just 35 minutes during a standard security check.

The Palestinian Anthority

ohtained a permit for Ibrahim

Sirsawi, 34, to be transferred to

Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer

after he suffered heart failure,

Erez, the patient died," said

Nahed Shawwa, an ambulance

driver who took Sirsawi to the

(Itim)

"Seven minutes after crossing

Palestinian officials said.

crossing point.

to get positions as opposition coordinators on coalition-chaired committees. This includes Finance Minister Avraham Shohat on Finance, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr on Foreign Affairs and Defense, and Justice Minister David Liha'i on Law.

Most senior Labor outgoing ministers will be members of Foreign Affairs and Defense. The two most likely candidates to head this committee are Likud MKs Ze'ev Begin or Uzi Landan. In another matter, the new opposition has decried the new

seating arrangements in the plenum. Eitan noted that it is traditional for the ruling party to sit to the right of the prime minister. In previous years, this seating put the opposition at a disadvantage, as the television cameras were positioned facing the coalition. In the last Knesset, however, this was remedied with more cameras and there is no reason not to switch seats, Eitan said.

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"We heard wild honking and ran outside to see what happened," said Baruch Angel, of Ariel's medical clinic. "We took them out of the car and while we treated them, an amhulance arrived to take them to the hospi-

A hospital spokesman reported that Alush had been moderately wounded, but the police and army spokesmen later said she had been lightly wounded.

Security sources said the terrorist was likely linked to the terror cell that set off a homh which lightly . wounded four Bezeq workers on June 3.

The sources said two other recent attacks in the area might also be linked to the cell. Bidiya is in Area B, where the IDF is responsible for security. but Palestinian security forces are also taking part in the investiga-oon, according to the sources.

Alush served in the police force from 1983 to 1988, then took leave until 1992, when he returned, first to the Jerusalem district, and then to the Samaria district, headquartered in Ariel.

A neighbor of the family told Israel Radio that the Alushes had moved to Ariel from the Harfa area, and that Nitza had wanted to move back to Haifa for the past

The woman, breaking down in ears, added that she, too, wanted

"It's frightening," she said. "I want to leave. I am begging my husband from the bottom of my heart to leave this place. I don't want to be the next in line. I can't comprehend this."

Ariel spokeswoman Dina Shalit said the incident was particularly npsetting because many people from Ariel shop in Bidiya, and there has never been a problem

diction between its call for talks

basis for an arrangement with

Lebanon is the only Arab coun-

try oot mentioned in the guide-

lines, while all other Arab coun-

Under the Oslo accord, both

discussed during the final-status

negotiations between Israel and

the Palestinians. The Netanyahu

aide said Israel must oppose the

return of Palestinians to the terri-

tories, since this affects the

'demographic security" of Israel.

There is oo mention of expand-

ing settlements in the territories,

hut rather, in the final-status

negotiations, when Israel will

propose "self-rule," the settle-

ments will retain "their affinity"

The Likud announced that

within two weeks it would submit

a version of the so-called

Norwegian Law, which would

lead to the resignation from the

Knesset of all ministers except

for Netanyahu and his deputies -

David Levy, Rafael Eitan, and Zevulun Hammer – who, by law,

tries with links to Israel are.

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with Damascus "without precon-ditions" and the following state-

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(Continued from Page 1) the religious parties have little problem with oon-Jewish cemeteries the civil marriage issue is a ment. Retaining Issued sover-homer's nest which all govern, eighty over the Golan will be the ments have carefully avoided. This for an arrangement with

The Third Way added a letter to its coalitioo agreement, stipulating that within three months it plans to submit to the Knesset a bill demanding special Knesset and referendum majorities for territorial concessions on the Golan. The Likud cosponsored such initiatives in the outgoing Knesset, hat prefers keeping things vague so as oot to provoke international pressure on the

Netanyahu government.
On the issue of Jerusalem, the agreement reads: "Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is one city, whole and united, and will remain forever under Israel's sovereignty ... The government will thwart any attempt to undermine the unity of Jerusalem, and will prevent any accon which is counter to Israel's exclusive sovereignty over the city." The 1992 guidelines of the Rabin government also called for retaining undivided sovereignty over Jerusalem.

On a related point, the guidelines assert the need to "enhance the social and economic status of the greater Jerusalem area."

Arab leaders have made it clear they would wait to read the new government's guidelines before taking any decisions at the Arab summit in Cairo this Friday. Arab commentators have warned against what they call Netanyahu's "three no's": Golan, Palestinian statehood, and Jerusalem.

An aide to Netanyahu last night insisted the new guidelines do not end negotiadons with Syria and said there is no inherent contra-

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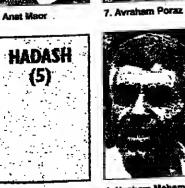


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Manchester bomb raises fears of IRA split

BELFAST (Reuter) - A bomb that ripped through Manchester city center on Saturday has deepened gloom about prospects for a new cease-fire by the IRA and raised concerns that the guerrilla body may be divided within itself.

On both sides of the Irish Sea. politicians and security experts blamed the Irish Republican Army (IRA) for the blast in the northern England city which injured more than 200 people.

It was a blow to hopes that multi-party talks which began in Belfast last Monday might solve some of the intractable problems which have burdened British-ruled Northern Ireland for decades.

The shadowy commanders of the IRA, which has been fighting for 25 years to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, maintained an ominous silence in the hours after the explosion.

But politicians and the media speculated that the blast, the sixth mainland Britain since February 9 and the first in seven weeks, was evidence of a split in the republican movement, which embraces the IRA and its political arm, Sinn Fein.

The Manchester bombing points to a split between republicans committed to the peace process and hardliners intent on violence," the London newspaper The Observer said.

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring agreed. "There's speculation that it may be [the work of] a breakaway [group]... That leads us facing a new difficulty," be told Sky Television. We had always felt over the

last number of years we were dealing with the leadership, with people who were trying to bring the IRA into democratic politics. "But the situation I think could now be a very difficult in the sense that we do not know who

we are actually dealing with," Spring said. In Belfast, republican sources would not comment on a report in the Sunday Life newspaper that three hardline IRA units in areas

along the border with the Irish

Republic were threatening to break ranks with a leadership accused of going soft in favor of politics.

British security sources have been saying for more than a year that IRA units in rural Northern Ireland never wanted an 18-month cease-fire the guerrilla leaders called in September 1994 and which ended with a bomb in London in February.

The IRA said it went back to war because Britain had double-crossed it by refusing to bring Sinn Fein into peace talks. Britain and Ireland are adamant that they will not allow Sinn Fein into the talks until the guerrillas abandon violence. But every bomb that goes off

stiffens the resolve of pro-British Protestant Unionist politicians not to negotiate with republicans while they have a guerrilla army lurking in the shadows.

They can only come to the table on terms of votes, not on the terms of guns and bombs," David Trimble, leader of the powerful Ulster Unionist Party told



Helmeted members of the National Students' Self-Government Association snake on a Tokyo street during their protest march yesterday. More than 500 students demonstrated against China conducting a nuclear test in its western desert on June 8.

Republicans suspect Hillary in FBI files affair

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Republican lawmakers said yesterday that they suspect US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton may bave played a role in the White House obtaining more than 400 sensitive FB1 background files in 1993 and 1994.

William Clinger, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, said bis panel will begin hearings on Wednesday, and suggested that Hillary Clinton was a suspect in the search for the person responsible for ordering the White House to get the records.

Appearing on the program Fox News Sunday, Clinger said "I know that the first lady was involved in the firing of the travel office seven," referring to staff members fired shortly after Clinton took office in 1993.

"We do know that she had a direct role in that, It has been denied by the White House, but she was involved," Clinger said. "So 1 think that has obviously raised our suspicions."

Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said on the same program he doubted that low-level White House officials were responsible. "Lower level people don't get that kind of

Both agreed that the affair had the potential to reach the proportions of a Watergate, the scandal that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation from office.

"I think at this point it's premature to say it's approaching that [Watergate level], although 1 think it has the potential to do that," Clinger

On Face the Nation on CBS, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said he felt there was "a pattern of concealment or obstruction" by the White House in both the Whitewater affair and with the FBI files. "I think that needs to be lonked into," the

Mississippi Republican said, saying he favored holding congressional hearings on the issue. There's a pattern of things being done and then everyone saying, 'Gee, I didn't know

President Bill Clinton bas said that he will. take responsibility for the "innocent bureaucratic mistake" and has apologized. He said none of the FBI information, which included files on some top Republicans, had been

Associate White House Counsel Mark gram Evans and Novak.

Fabiani said on the Fox program that obtaining the files was "a big mistake, it was a huge mis-

"So far, every fact which has emerged points to an innocent bureaucratic blunder," be said. Last week, the FBI sharply rebuked the White House after its own inquiry found egregious violations of privacy had occurred." Director Louis Freeh ordered the agency to immediately adopt reforms making it more difficult to obtain secret files.

Prospective Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole compared the incident to the infa-mous "enemies list" gathered by President Richard Nixon's White House in the early

House of Representatives Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas has dismissed Clinton's

"I think what the president is saying is untrue, but I don't think the president knows enough about truth or falsehood outside of hisown convenience and his own life to understand what is an untruth when he says it," Armey said in an interview on the CNN pro-

Turkish agency reports new explosions in Syria

ANKARA (Reuter) - New explosions have been reported in northem parts of Syria over the past week, and the Syrian army has reinforced its forces near the Turkish border, Turkey's semiofficial Anatolian news agency

Turkish and Syrian traders coming from Syria told the agency a Syrian opposition group, Moslem Brothers, was behind the explosions which first started in May.
They said Damascus deployed

new armored units in some towns near Turkey after the blasts started. The agency did not specify where the units were

Traders said security officials arrested an unspecified number of Syria's ethnic Turkmens.

Earlier this mouth, the US State Department said it had confirmed reports of several explosions in Syria over the past month and advised its citizens there to take

Ankara and Damascus are at odds over water rights and Syria's alleged support for Kurdish rebels active in southeast

Turkey.

Abdullah Ocalan, head of the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) who is believed to live in Syria, said last month that he had been the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by the Turkish govern-

'Troops kill over 70 in Burundi'

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (Reuter) - Burundian troops massacred at least 70 Hutu civilians on and around hills in central Burundi last Thursday, community work-ers yesterday quoted survivors as

saying.
The expatriate workers, who have lived in the area of the massacre for two years but declined to be identified, showed Reuters a

list compiled from local residents of the names of 40 Hutus and one member of the Twa ethnic group killed by troops.

They said 30 other Hutus were killed but could not be named by residents as they bad only recently arrived in the area of four hills near the Kaniga river in the north-

west part of Gitega province.
"A Hutu woman told me bow

she and her children hid in coffee bushes and watched horrified as the soldiers hunted down their screaming victims, shooting or bayoneting them and throwing their bodies in the river," said one

of the foreign workers. They said an estimated 175 soldiers in six trucks arrived on Kibimba hill north of a town of the same name on Thursday and in five hours killed the 71 with automatic weapons, machineguns and bayonets on Musama, Мипаліга Kaniga, Mur Nyabitsinda hills.

They said many victims were trapped on a bank of the Kaniga niver in Bivumu commune as soldiers advanced in a semi-circle. "Five Hutu women and one baby were later brought to

Kibimba hospital. Three of the women died," said another foreign worker. One of the survivors bad a guncut off and a bayonet wound in the back," he added. Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Bosco

Daradangwe, a senior Burundian military officer, told Reuters he had not heard of the reported massacre in Gitega and it surprised him but he would check. "It surprises me because this

area... has normally had a very good history of relations between the military and population."

The foreign workers said they could not pinpoint a reason for the massacre but it may have been in retaliation for the killing on Wednesday of four people in the area by Hutu rebels.

Human rights groups say the army and rebels almost routinely kill civilians in Burundi in retaliation for attacks. More than 150,000 people have been killed since 1993 in Burundi where the Tutsi-dominated army is at war with Hutu rebels who seized control of much of the interior this

care. Damascus dismissed the US Monsoon storms kill at least 123 in southern India

DELHI, India (AP) - A second cyclone hit southern India yesterday, destroying houses and farmland and raising the death toll from days of monsoon storms with heavy rains to at least 123 people.

The new cyclone moved into Andhra Pradesh state from the Bay of Bengal, packing 80 kph winds.

At least 54 people have died in that state alone over the weekend, Press Trust of India said. Most

drowned when swollen streams and rivers flooded

additional deaths yesterday across the region, 2,000

As of Saturday, 85 storm deaths bad been reported from the southern states. News agencies reported 38

kilometers southeast of New Delhi. As the new cyclone moved northwest into India:

forecasters issued warmings in the coastal areas of Bangladesh for a cyclone that hit the southeastern coast of India on Friday. Friday's storm left more than 3,000 families in the

coastal districts homeless and covered area towns with several feet of water, officials said in Hyderabad, the capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

south of Chittagong, Bangladesh's main port city, the weather office in Dhaka said. Forecasters said it has intensified, with wind speeds topping 60 mph.

FRENKEL

(Continued from Page 1) be could have his pick from among

Tourism, Communications, or Health, he said he preferred no portfolio at all. Likud insiders feel Meridor was humiliated and that by denying him his old Justice portfolio, Netanyahu was in fact making it impossible for him to

serve in his government.

Begin told Netanyahu he would not join the cabinet without Meridor and would not even discuss a portfolio for himself until

Meridor had accepted one. Katsav also reportedly took offense at being offered Tourism. Health, or Communications, but is said to be angling for Housing on the assumption Sharon will not change his mind and claim it.

Last night the only sure appointments were Mordechai for Defense, Gesher's David Levy for Foreign Affairs, Frenkel for Finance, Tsomet's Rafael Eitan for Agriculture and the Environment, The Third Way's Avigdor Kahalani for Internal Security, Sbas's Eli Suissa for Interior, Shas's Eli Yishai for Labor and Social Affairs, the NRP's Zevulun Hammer for Education and part of the term for Religious Affairs as well, and the NRP's Yitzhak Levy for

Transport and Energy. Levy last night defeated MK Yigal Bibi in the NRP central committee vote for the post by a two to one mar-

A big question mark still bung over whether Yisrael Ba'aliya would join the coalition, despite the fact it adroitly managed to wrest an extra ministerial appointment from Netanyahu. If it compromises over its differences with the religious parties, its ministers would be two former Prisoners of Zion - Natan Sharansky, who would get Industry and Trade, and Yuli Edelstein, who would get Sharansky, who would Absorption.

Another question was raised over United Torah Judaism's participation. The party voiced displeasure with the coalition guidelines on religious issues, but more than, that it was miffed by Netanyahu's decision to give it only a deputy minister at the Housing Ministry and not exclusive control of the portfolio.

Possibly in ' response Lithuanian haredi leader Rabbi Eliezer Shchach is reported to have ordered his disciples to insist on getting the Religious Affairs portfio, saying it is unthinkable the UTI would have no hand in running this ministry. According to some UTJ sources. Netanyahu has already managed to incur Schach's wrath and the aged rabbi was quoted as saying that "he is no better than Peres."

This comes after Shas and the NRP had already agreed to share the bitterly contested portfolio in rotation. But while the UTJ staked a last-minute claim on Religious Affairs, Shas and the NRP entered a new stage of bickering about who would get the portfolio for the first two years.

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The three blatant examples are Finance, Justice, and Internal Security. Nothing stopped Netanyahu from offering any of these to sooth Likud egos. He deliberately chose not to.

For Finance and Justice he preferred imports from outside the political arena altogether. The wish for professionals may be laudable, but past experience has shown all too often that to be effective a minister should have the greatest possible political clour. The outsiders bave none and this could hamper their work.

When Tsomet's Rafael Eitan's legal problems put the Internal Security portfolio back in circulation, the hope in the Likud was that it would mean at least one heftier portfolio for the many Likud hopefuls. At that time The Third Way's Avigdor Kabalani was giving Netanyahu no trouble and was willing to accept the Tourism portfolio. Giving him Internal Security constituted an unexpected bonus.

Hence Netanyahu's clash with the Likud leadership is not unavoidable. Some in the Likud speak of his settling accounts. This could explain what was done to Meridor and Begin, but not to Sharon, whose role in Netanyahu's victory was pivotal. But at the very least there is a brutal vote of no-confidence by Netanyahu in the Likud's fore-

most team. If his idea is to put into effect the American model of appointing secretaries to departments. Neranyahu may yet discover that what remains of the parliamentary system here dictates different rules to the game. The Likud yesterday was shaken to the core - far worse than it was by the reduction of its parliamentary representation. Many in the party spoke of its being on the yerge of a breakup and of the possible formation of a "trade union of Netanyahu's victims."

The fact that some of the most popular Likud figures are involved does not promise Netanyahu four serene years from within. And, in four years, he might face a backlash from a Likud rank and file that might not like seeing its heroes slapped in

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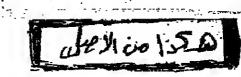
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Amadeus: Look what they've done to my song

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ATCH out, Wolfgang. More than two centuries after and his servant who are actually two Antonio Salieri allegedly messed with your health, another composer is doing the same with your music. His name is Amnon Wolman and he splits his life between Chicago and Tel Aviv. Last year Americans saw the premiere of Wolman's Don Giovanni Revisited and now local music-lovers will have a chance to see what has happened with Mozart's famous Don on the verge of the 21st century.

Wolman owes the idea to controversial opera director Peter Sellars. "When he cast two black identical twins as Don Giovanni and his servant Leporello in a production which he set in present-day Harlem, he discovered something very interesting about the nature of this opera. But I felt that he didn't carry the idea to

sides of the same coin. In fact all the characters in this opera present different aspects of one personality."

One problem, Wolman admits, is that of the anemic Don Ottavio: "Mozart has written his most beautiful music to him but he's real problematic so I simply dispensed with him."

Other than that, Don Giovanni Revisited features just two singers. One male who enacts the roles of the don, his servant and the commendatore whom the don kills at the beginning of Mozart's opera, and one female who is all of the don's attempted conquests in one.

Wolman did not write even one single note of his own in this new opera of his. "I'm not a creator here but an interpreter," he says. "Just like any director can take a Shakespeare classic and present it in a new and different way, so can I with a Mozart classic. Somehow there is this kind of sacred feeling about the music, there is this idea that one is not

THERE IS another reason for doing this new opus. "In our time if I want to enjoy Don Giovanni I can listen to it on a CD at home and no performance in the theater will be able to match that for sheer quality," says Wolman. "Moreover you must realize that our notion of drama probably differs considerably from the immediacy of drama in Mozart's time.

allowed to touch it. I beg to differ."

Today people speak much faster and we provide information in a quicker manner. Today we cannot stand still and sing

an aria for 10 minutes. So this is why I my to take Mozart's work and bring it to our own day and age without any disrespect for its own time and conventions."

Wolman is not that keen on the use of supertitles in the opera house but he admits that "It has become a convention. Mozan and Puccini did not even think about the possibility that the audieoce attending their operas would not understand the language on the stage. Today things have changed and if I write a new opera in Hehrew I will definitely be aware that there is a need for supertitles."

Wolman also uses supertitles, projected on a screen behind the singers, for his reworking of Mozart. "But these are not of the exact translation of what they sing. After all, the audience is familiar with the

original and I can thus use the supertitles to tell a different story, a parallel tale with different jokes. For me these supertitles become an integral part of the opera and

of its scenery." Don Giovanni Revisited will be performed by the Israel Chamber Orchestra this Wednesday and Thursday in a double bill with another related opus, Rimsky-Korsakov's Mozarı and Salieri.

In Wolman's opus the soloists will be Dan Etinger and Gladys Mayo and on the podium Yuli Turovsky will have to conduct Mozart's score as reioterpreted by

Those who know Don Giovanni will find here most of the music they are familiar with but not in the right order and not necessarily sung by the same characters as in the opera. I did not touch the orchestration but what I did do is

divide the overture into 13 small segments which I then throw all over the opera. And so every few minutes the audience will hear about half a minute from the overture."

And what would Amadeus himself think about this new adaptation?

Wolman has no doubts that he would bless it wholeheartedly: "We all know that Mozart changed his operas from production to production, added arias, repositioned the order of scenes and made other alterations according to the singers he had on hand. In fact I'm doing just the same thing. I'm adapting one of his greatest operas to the audience of today.

And those who enjoy Wolman's inter-pretation of this timeless operatic classic can get ready for his next project "I would very much like to do just the same with Puccini's Madama Butterfly."

All the

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HELEN KAYE THERE'LL be the theatrical

Nissenbaum and Haroshet streets in Bat Yarn. He'll be bawling out per-

formance times for the 20 or so programs in the first ever local International Street Theater Festival, which takes place on July 1 and 2. This is the fulfillment of an 11year dream," said festival artistic director Jackie Bechar, founder and director of the Diabolo Theater, one of the first to put this genre on the map locally. "Street theater here has always been an addition to other fes-

tivals. Now it has its own."

Street theater has been around for

centuries but it's had a real renais-

sance over the last couple of decades, especially in Europe where

street theater festivals, such as that

in Chalons, France, enjoy international prestige.
"Street theater has been growing

here," says Bechar with satisfaction,

"and it'll grow more because it's

At Bat Yam, Diabolo is appearing

with Alterachen which won first

prize at the Haifa Children's Theater

Festival in April. Other Israeli

groups include the gifted Zitzland

trio with Crosslazitz, the Arma the-ater with The Red Texans, solo jug-

gler/actor Rembrandt, the sort-of-

commedia del l'arte troupe, Small

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FILM REVIEW ADINA HOFFMAN

GIRL 6

HO is the real Spike Lee? Director, writer, actor, producer, entre-preneur, culture hero, the nerdy black New York Knicks aficionado is, for lack of a more precise designation, the creator of one of the bumpiest oeuvres in recent movie memory.

After his initial success with the fizzy low-hudget sex comedy She's Gotta Have It, Lee went on to direct a series of racially probing, tonally complex pictures including the goofy-bot-urgent college musical School Daze, the daring street allegory Do the Right Thing, and the big, straight Hollywood biopic Malcolm X. Whatever one felt about those films, it was impossible to dismiss them or their deadpan mastermind. No one else in American. movies was staring the subject of skin color and prejudice so straight in the face, let alone hitching those huge themes to such a distinctive, nearly comic visual style.

But for whatever reason (fatigue? the Zeitgeist?), the director's hard-hitting nerve and vision are nearly absent from his latest film, Girl 6, a thin bit of willed frivolity that stars the pouty-lipped Theresa Randle as a frustrated New York actress who finds work as a phone sex operator and winds up adoring the job. As she sees it, the chance to metamorphose into a whole range of fantasy objects (dominatrix, girlnext-door, high-school cheer-



leader, bousewife, etc.) is a theatrical dream come true. She's a one-woman cast of thousands.

Although it may sound like a return to the bubbly fun of She's Gotta Have It, the film is essentially a tease, and a fairly dull one at that. As Randle coddles her customers through the mouthpiece, the camera stays fixed on her pretty face, allowing us to peep while we eavesdrop. And eavesdrop and eavesdrop. Apparently Lee and screenwriter Suzan-Lori Parks find the (fairly generic) sunt talk fascinating, since they let us listen in on dozens of Girl 6's calls. But wby? There's something

impersonal and even a bit creepy about Lee's fixation on his herome. The picture be paints of Girl 6 is vague, little more than a cleaned-up extension of a phone sex client's fantasy, according to which the woman on the other end of the line is both gorgeous and getting off on all the dirty banter. In Robert Altman's Short Cuts, Jennifer Jasoo Leigh played a plain-looking phone sex operator who changed diapers and cooked dinner while she oohed and aahed

into the telephone: this practical, desexed vision may not be so titillating as the image of Randle wiggling and sighing in a low-cut blouse, but it's probably truer to

In all fairness, tough realism is clearly not what Lee's after here. The film's bright, neon photography, Randle's hundred-odd changes of groovy costume and the constant hackbeat of the woozy Prince songs that fill the soundtrack combine to give Girl 6 the quality of playful makebelieve. A bunch of celebrity

(Quentin Tarantino. Madonna, Naomi Campbell and others) also pop up here and there and add to the far-fetched playacting theme, and at several points Girl 6 actually impersonates a collection of black icons, among them Dorothy Dandridge as Carmen Jones and Thelma Jefferson, from the TV show.

Again, though, the question is: why? Ostensihly, Girl 6 is structured as a self-discovery quest, but it's hard to know what Girl 6 bas learned about herself by the movie's close except that phone sex is a dead-end career. The only scenes in which she seems like a real human being are the ones she shares with Jimmy, her wimpy baseball-buffnext-door-neighbor, played, not surprisingly, by Spike Lee.

It's a clever if maddening twist. By casting himself as Girl 6's down-to-earth, harmless buddy. Lee's able to have his cake and eat it too: be constructs a silky, boytoy fantasy image of his star and then plays the part of a man who's above it all, a man who would never in his wildest dreams dial her number at work.

comes the Jerusalem extravagan-

za. In between he will also try to

catch the Israeli debut of his

daughter Arianna, a soprano who

will, be singing with the Israel

Sinfonietta Beersheba.

tightrope walker Denis Josslin, who'll prance 20 meters off the ground, and Les Elastonautes. another high-rise group from France, who perform aerial ballets suspended from a 30-meter high crane. There are two groups from the UK: Skate Naked, an amazing couple of loincloth-clad juggler/ acrobat/clowns; and the Natural Theater Company, who grab the audience into their show, and love

with eight "houses."

being weird (and funny). Hors Strate, yet another French group, are a duo of stilt-walkers who like to melt into walls and then jump out in search of food and drink, alias the audience. The Maya Moon fire jugglers (one of them is Israeli) come from New Zealand and the Susuma folklore troupe are from

The Bat Yam municipality has provided most of the NIS 750,000 budget. The festival takes place at nine different venues in Bat Yam's industrial area between 6 p.m. and midnight. There'll be four to six performances of every show and - best of all - it's all free.

Pinchas Zukerman brings it all back home – to Holon

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

T'S Saturday noon and the sun is scorching. The streets Loutside the Steinberg Arts Center in Holon are rather empty, but ioside 30 musicians - including Pinchas Zukerman - are

Shabbat lunch. Welcome to the Ilona Feher Music Ceoter in Holon, a threeyear-old organization with a very specific aim - to foster the violinists and violists of the future. The center is an initiative of impresario Ruth Shahar and the Holon Municipality. For both, Zukerman was the only possible choice to lead it.

Born 48 years ago in Tel Aviv. the violinist, who was to become a violist, conductor and teacher, grew up and began his violin studies in Holon.

The new center carries the name of Zukerman's first teacher,

BLUESTER B.B. King, Marianne Faithfull and the inimitable David Bowie are

only three of the pop/rock music

superstars coming to ravish our

senses this summer. The others are

Iceland's songstress, Bjork, Sonic

Youth, Andy Summers and his trio,

and the Cocteau Twins from

David Bowie and Massive Attack

lead the way on July 3 at the

Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv fol-

lowed by the 71-year-old King on

July 11, with his program The King

of the Blues '96 at the Sultan's Pool

in Jerusalem. He's been one of the

Sure, Bibi is prime minister

but B.B. is always King

Ilona Feher, whose students have included the likes of Shlomo Mintz and Shmuel Ashkenazi.

FEHER, Zukerman recalls, "came to Israel after the revolution in Hungary. She belonged to a middle-European mentality and in the '50s Israel was quite remote from middle Europe.

"She had personal difficulties adjusting. She belonged to one of the conservatories in Tel Aviv hut she always taught at home. She lived on 11 Weizmann Street and she had a dog, Kaya, who always attended when I had a lesson."

The program Zukerman initiated in Holon is an offshoot of the Zukerman program at the Manhattan School of Music, where he teaches regularly in between his hectic performance schedule. "It is a very intensive

program here and over a limited period of time. Some of the students come with us from New

York and the rest we andition in

Israel and all over the world." This year 21 students are officially participating in the pro-gram and for the first time they are all paying for their tuition. "We could have easily had 40 or more hut this is not what we believe in. We want to give indi-

> groups."
> The "we" are Zukerman's colleagues from his student days Pauline Scott and Pettinka Kopec. "We all studied together, we teach the same way and we even speak the same musical lan-

vidual lessons and not teach in

bis ideas that are presented here

Which means a lot of attention to technique. "If you have a beautiful car it cannot run if it doesn't have a motor.

The starting point must be the technique. After that the evolution depends on the individual students. But we don't teach just violin and music. We are all real pedagogues, we try to give them something more too."

AS THE students who attend the program come from all over the world, finding the appropriate two weeks to hold the program each year is not easy. "We are still searching for the best solution guage. We have all studied with and next year the dates will alter [Ivan] Galamian so in a way it is slightly." Zukerman explains,

adding that the 1996 program has evolved in other directions.

This year we have also student concerts and the next week, when I play a Bach violin concerto in Jerusalem [for the Touch the Walls, Touch the Light extravaganza] I'm taking a group of the studeots from here to be my orchestra. So this is in a way really an embryo of what this program eventually might turn into."

ZUKERMAN has quite a husy schedule during his current Israeli sojourn. Tonight and tomorrow he conducts and plays the solo violin with the Israel Philharmonic Thursday and Friday he attends

student concerts in his Holon program and Saturday he joins his students for a chamber-music evening. And then next Monday

Karmiel: Folk-dancing galore plus a wheelchair ballet

ANCERS and dance fans of all stripes come into their own during the Karmiel Festival. This year's festival packs 70 events into 72 hours from July 9-11.

Two evenings of folk dancing and the Spanish Ballet Rafael Aguilar anchor the festival, which also includes a premiere (untitled as yet) from Rami Be'er and the Kibbutz Dance Company, a 60 hour non-stop folk dance marathon and a wheelchair ballet from the disabled IDF veterans of Beit

Halohem. Artistic director Yonatan Carmon, who celebrates his 10th year at the festival, bas directed the opening extravaganza at the 20,000-soat amphitheater. It features 70 folk dance troupes from

Israel, Sicily, Ukraine and places io Asia amoog others. The final show has some 1.000

local dancers showing off their paces in new dances topped off with a firework show. In the middle of the festival, on July 10, the Spanish company will perform Bolero, excerpts from Carmen and Flamenco Rhythm.

Noted British avant-garde dancer Russell Maliphant will present his duet, Unspoken, which he choreographed and also dances in.

Other Karmiel visitors include the Caracas Ballet with Carmina Burana, and the Braunschweig Ballet from Germany, who will perform two programs of four works each - both of which include Clockwork Oronge, hased on the Anthony Burgess novel - and Rebounds, a fantasy for dancers.

In addition, special events include a folk dance competition, a display of ballroom dancing by adults and kids, singer Yaffa Yarkoni and the traditional appearance of the Karmiel "little uns" from 10 to 13 with folk dances from the '80s.

And not least, there is the premiere of Timno, a biblical love story, choreographed by Carmon. The budget(80 percent of which comes from the Karmiel

municipality), is NIS 1.2 million, and tickets, from NIS 30 to NIS 50 are available at ticket agencies country-wide and from the festival box office - tel. (04) 988-



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She's coming with Bjork '96 on August 26 and 28, preceded on August 20 and 22 by the electronic rock group, Sonic Youth, with guitarist Lee Ranaldo, who was here at last month's Next alternative rock festival. Andy Summers and Larry

Coryell on guitars, accompanied by tabla virtuoso Trilok Gurtu, are at the Mann Auditorium on July 9; and Scotland's eclectic Cocteau Twins trio will play on October 10.
The one and only Marianne Faithfull won't be reprising her hit A Secret Life. Instead she'll be singing a program of Brecht/Weill songs in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv on

September 5 and 7. Ticket prices haveo't been set yet but there will be a 15% discount for those buying a pack of three and a 25% discount on five concerts.

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Unwarranted American compliments

RON Miller, a leading member of the State Department's policy team on the State Department's policy team on the Middle East, recently told a Jewish audience that there were three issues on which Yasser Arafat's compliance with the Oslo accords should be measured. One of these is the PLO Covenant, in which, according to the administration, be bas made the necessary changes. The secnnd is the extraditinn provision, which Arafat has not adhered to, but is "open to legalistic interpretations." And the third is the fight against terrorism, in which Arafat bas "performed magnificently." The conclusion, said Miller, is that now Israel must withdraw from Hebron.

The argument on whether or not Arafat has actually amended the PLO Covenant has become tiresome. But the fact is that even now, Arafat apologists cannot point to a single amended clause. In fact, one of the big mysteries of the covenant story is the composition of the "legal committee" expected to submit a proposal for an amended covenant within six months. Mure than a month after the Palestinian National Council passed the resolution to appoint such a committee, it has yet to come into

Whether or not the extradition agreement is, as Miller says, "open to interpretation" - a questinnable and cynical assertion - is hardly the point. The fact is that the Palestinian Authority bas released known terrorists who have murdered Israelis after the signing of the accords, and that in all terrorist cases of the past months, the killers found shelter in PA areas. Some of the worst bave joined the Palestinian security services.

True, there has been some cooperation between the Palestinians and Israel's General Security Service. But none of the most wanted Hamas terrorists, most notably Hassan Salameb who was nabbed by the army in Hebron last month, bas been caught with PA help. On the contrary, the most wanted Hamas leader, Mobarnmed Deif, whose capture was cited by Prime Minister Shimon Peres as a condition for Israel's redeployment in Hebron, has been allowed to escape Gaza. This, after he stayed there unharmed for three months following the February-March suicide bombings which he had masterminded.

Nnw it has become clear that the cooperation between the PLO and Israel against Hamas terrorism was intended to last only until the Israeli elections. The ongoing contacts between the PA and Hamas, partly suspended during the pre-election period, have now resumed.

Sources in the PA openly say that soon, virtually all Hamas operatives detained after the suicide bombings will be released. Neither Arafat nor any other prominent PA official condemned the latest terrorist outrages against Israelis, including the murder of civilians inside the Green Line. And on Friday, Arafat himself, in a demonstrative move, arrived at the Nablus prison and personally ordered the release of Sbeikh Jamal Mansour, a member of the Hamas high command. He then accompanied him to prayer services at a mosque in the city center. Both the PA and Hamas have distributed leaflets calling for rapprochement and negotiations for concerted action.

These moves, added to Arafat's declaration in Aqaha on June 5 that be intends to announce the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem its capital, are in clear violation of the Oslo agreement. (The PA soon recognized this, and - insulting the world's intelligence - the PLO's representative in Jordan asserted that the Arafat statement, featured on the front page of all Arab newspapers, was an unfortunate slip, a result of his poor English. Compounding the felony, the Israeli Consulate in New York distributed this "explanation" to all Jewish leaders.)

Although the Palestinian rbetorie has become milder in the past few days - almost certainly as a result of American pressure - Arafat's moves to reconcile with Hamas and again have a 'working' agreement with the Islamist organization, is worrisome. Nor do the latest sbooting incidents, including yesterday's killing of a policeman and the wounding of his wife, bode well for the negotiations.

The new government's policy guidelines call for a continued dialogue with the PA, but they make such a continuation contingent on the PA's compliance with the Oslo and Cairo agreements. It is unlikely that unwarranted compliments for the PA by high American officials will bring such compliance - and the negotiations - closer to realization.

A professional choice

HOUGH it will be possible to gauge its economic success only later on, the appointment of Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel as finance minister may herald a new age of reason in Israeli politics.

Only once before bas a prime minister looked to someone from outside his party to fill a senior cabinet position: when Menachem Begin appointed Musbe Dayan foreign minister. That move portended a major diplomatic about-face, namely the peace treaty with Egypt.

Yet Frenkel's appointment is even more revolutionary. Unlike Dayan, the world-renowned economist has had a perfectly technocratic, non-political career. Coupled with the prospective appointment of attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice minister, this may produce a new culture of government, far more business-minded than what this country is used to.

One would like to bope that this will be expressed in the new government's economic performance. Faced with a seriously deteriorating macro-economic situation, highlighted by an \$11.1 billion trade deficit, a \$4.1b. currentaccount deficit, and a 3.2 percent budget deficit, the new administration must immediately get down to the business of fiscal restraint. And no one over the past four years has more unequivocally, consistently and eloquently demanded this than Jacob Frenkel.

Frenkel's appointment is, in and of itself, a blunt statement of policy, which should allay previous fears that other mooted candidates

Sir, - I must take issue with the

'And nne man voted twice.")

endlessly expressed the same senti-

ments. The Israeli Supreme Court

accorded Yigal Amir the right to

vote, along with every other con-

victed murderer who is a citizen of

The legacy of the Israeli election

Israel, including many Arabs.

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would be political Trojan borses and financial loose cannons.

Similarly, Frenkel will be sborn of his predecessor's disastrous commitments to an assortment of public-sector pressure groups to whom he gave lavisb wage rises, pension arrangements and bailout plans, without winning solid cost-cutting structural reforms in return.

It remains to be seen to what extent the new finance minister will be burdened by budgetary promises to the emerging coalition's various partners. However, judging by his unwavering containment of the politicians and industrialists. who loathed his strong-sbekel inclination and sought to destroy his prudent monetary policy, Frenkel is not likely to sanction fiscal licen-

Indeed, the new appointment is in line with the prime minister-elect's campaign promises to cut the budget, slash taxes and launch Israel's long overdue mass-privatization program. Both Netanyahu and Frenkel are intellectual products of the so-called Chicago School, whose espousal of economic freedoms and disdain for government intervention are nearly religious. It is quite likely the two will work well together to make Israel's one of the world's leading medium-size economies.

The road ahead is full of obstacles, but the revolutionary nature of Frenkel's appointment may signal the start of a new economic era, rich with promise for local entrepreneurship and ever more lucrative for foreign investors.



Prime minister as hostage

TSRAEL is beautiful, but it isn't Scandinavia.

The press is abuzz with reports that Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu is considering adopting an Israeli version of the Norwegian law."

This would entail requiring ministers (and perhaps deputy minis-ters) in resign their Knesset seats while serving in the prime minis-ter's government. As a result, those next in line on the ministers' party lists would enter the Knesset. Ministers would be able to focus on their job; MKs could concentrate solely on their Knesset work.

At least, that's the pian. "The Norwegian law" is in fact Article 62 of the Norwegian Constitution of 1814 which states, amnng nther things, that "Members of the Council of State may not attend meetings of the Storting (parliament) as representatives while holding a seat in the Council of State."

A representative nf the Norwegian parliament whn is appointed minister can therefore not attend meetings in parliament, and a "deputy representative" takes his place. If for some reason the minister loses his ministership, be has the right to resume his original position in parliament.

Why is the prime minister-elect considering introducing a change to the brand new law that elected him? Because of an apparently unforeseen product of the new law: It increased the strength of the smaller parties at the expense of Labor and the Likud

Likud-Gesher-Tsomet garnered only 32 seats, down from its previous strength of 40 in the outgoing Knesset. Of these 32 new MKs, only 21 are from the Likud. If the new prime minister wants to put his people in key positions in the government and in the Knesset by appointing them as ministers, committee chairs, Speaker of the ADAM DODEK

committees, etc., these 21 will be hard-pressed tn cover all their responsibilities.

The desire to adopt the Nurwegian law is thus logical, for it would free ministers from their partiamentary duties while retaining for them all their parliamentary

The Knesset enacted the new Basic Law: The Government in

The 'Norwegian law' is attractive, but it isn't Israel's best option

1992. This law, known as the law for direct election of the prime minister, sets the maximum number of ministers at 18, including the prime minister. According to it, no more than balf of the ministers may be non-MKs. This is the key provision that would have to be amended.

The direct election law is the first basic law to be fully correnched. This means no provision may be changed except by an absolute majority of at least 61 of the 120 MKs. This should not present a prob-

lem for the new prime minister if he can convince his coalition partners to go along with the Norwegian law. And there is no reason why they shouldn't. If a minister gives up his Knesset scat. he still maintains all the powers and the privileges of an MK with the exception of the right to vote. The smaller parties have all the incentive to support the proposal.

THE Norwegian law is attrac-tive, but it isn't Israel's best Knesset, members of important option. The prime minister-elect

should introduce a law requiring ministers to fully relinquish their Knesset seats upon assuming a cabinet post.

Under the Nnrwegian law, a minister whn loses his post returns to the parliament. But if the prime minister had the power to condition ministerial appointment upon relinquishing one's Knesset seat, his control nver his cabinet would increase. It would force a prospective minister to choose between. the Knesset and the cabinet.

A recalcitrant minister would be forced to think twice about challenging the premier, for if the latter exercised his right to fire the minister, that minister would then be stranded in the political wilder-

Throughnnt Israel's history prime ministers have been held hostage by their own ministers as a result of the exigencies of coalition government. David Ben-Gurion faced leaks of confidential information from within his own government. Yitzhak Rabin failed to muster the courage to fire a minis-ter under criminal indictment.

Ministers tend to serve their own interests rather than those of the public or the prime minister who appointed them — an Israeli Democracy Institute publication once likened the operation of ministries in Israel to "little fiefdoms" run by the minister-chieftain.

With the power to banish a minister from active political life, the prime minister would wield the measure of control over insurgent ministers that is the natural accompaniment to direct election.

Adopting the Norwegian law might address Netanyahu's current difficulty of the scarcity of Likud MKs, but it doesn't go far enough. The people's choice could still be held hostage to despotic ministers.

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Hard facts

ZEV KATZ

ISTORY is full of seeming Menachem Begin was elected on a platform of ant giving back to the "Egyptian enemy one grain of sand of Sinai." Moshe Dayan, foreign minister in his government, coined the maxim: "Better Sharm e-Sheikh

Sharm e-Sheikh." Begin even promised that he would go and live on one of the Sinai semlements after retiring from the premiership.

without peace than peace without

The settlers whn danced in the streets when he became premier were later forcibly removed from Yamit and other Sinai settlements after the peace agreement with Egypt - which was opposed in the Knesset by leading members of the Likud and approved by the votes of the left. The commander of the IDF forces that evicted the settlers was Ariel Sharon.

Charles de Ganlle was elected president of France by the votes of the right after his sulemn assurance that he would never give up "French Algeria."

Yet it was de Gaulle who withdrew French forces from Algeria, recognized its independence, and agreed to the total evacuation of a

million and a half French settlers. When elected, Richard Nixon and George Bush were staunch anti-Communists. Later both became the architects of friendly relations with Soviet Russia and Communist China.

And vice versa: For decades Mao Zedong depicted the US as a "capitalist-imperialist" power and "enemy of mankind." Then he went and established friendly relations with it. There are many

more such examples.

Were all these great leaders lying on purpose? Were they betraying their followers, and their nations' best interests? The answer seems to lie in the

place where will and determination meet fact and reality. De Gaulle came to the unshakable conclusion that France couldn't keep Algeria. Nixon, Bush, and Mao, realized that ultimately the other side could not be vanquished, and that, ultimately, the interests of their countries lay in recognizing its reality.

Begin realized that peace without Sharm was preferable to Sharm without peace.

These leaders all changed their original positions radically after arriving at a different concept of their countries' interests. Or simply: They recognized the facts on

THIS COULD provide some insight into what we may expect from Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister.

Just several months ago it

Netanyahu may in the end complete what Peres couldn't finish

impossible that seemed Netanyahu and the Likud would recognize the Oslo agreements, even de facto. And Netanyahu meeting with Yasser Arafat?

Yet the reality of Oslo was a feature of Netanyahu's election campaign.

Sooner or later Netanyahn will realize that the policies that got him elected do not accord with certain indomitable realities: that, for example, twn million Palestinians cannot be suppressed indefinitely by force, in the face of their opposition and the entire world's, and that there can be no peace with Syria without return-

ing the entire Golan to it. Like Yizzhak Rabin, Netanyahu may well come to understand that ultimately Arafat is the only realistic partner for peace. And Bibi may, in the end, complete what Peres couldn't finish.

Under enormous pressure to "give for peace," he might be the leader to withdraw from the Golan, explaining, as Begin did with the Sinai, that it is not, after all, part of Eretz Israel.

And, in the end, Netanyahu might reach a final settlement with the Palestinians, one which will provide them with some form of limited independence. In both cases the agreements will clearly have to include security arrangements satisfactory to

Such peace agreements will make it through the Knesset supported by the entire left and furiously opposed by the extreme right-wingers who danced in the streets the day after the elec-

An about-face Netanyahu in the role of peacemaker would be no new phenomenon. History is scattered with such seeming anomalies.

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No jobs for the boys

OOR Health Ministry.

This giant government establishment owns and runs all the government hospitals and supervises all the others, implements the national health insurance system and is the guardian of public health - but nobody wants to be health minister. That's odd, since the Health

Ministry has a giant NIS 6.7b. annual operating budget and a NIS 342m. development budget (compared in Interior's NIS 4.14b., Trade and Industry's NIS 2.79h. Absorptinn's NIS 1.48b., and Religious Affairs' NIS 1.2 b.; only Defense, Education, Construction and Housing are big-And no Israeli is unaffected by

its policies. Moshe Katzav, previously transport and labor and social affairs minister, turned up his nose at

health last week, calling it a "minor" portfulin - as if the job were like running a chain of Although would be coalition

partners have unsbeathed their claws in the fight over Construction and Housing and the (much-shrunken) Communications Ministry, all the newspapers pundits' cabinet scenarios have left a questim mark over the Health

Nearly all the names mooted so far for the job have been administrative ingenues: Avigdor Kahalani, Tzahi Hanegbi, Yehoshua Matza. If an inexperienced person is given control of a vital and complex field like health. his government limousine should at least be fitted with training

It's not that the ministry has typically been led by brilliant, dynamic types determined to extend JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Eliezer Shostak, Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslinn, Ehud Olmert, Haim Ramon and Mordechai Gur spring to mind. And one needn't be a doctor to be health minister - although the ministry's director-general must be a physician. But any health minister needs at least to be interested in the subject. Outgning minister Ephraim Sneh

is a physician. But he was so extra-

That's one reason

nobody wants to be health minister

nrdinarily uninterested in the portfolio that he was a great disappointment to those whn had hoped he would shake up the sleepy and largely mediocre entity.

Already a self-declared Labor
Party candidate for the premier-

ship, Such spent much of his energy on defense and political issues, at the expense of health. He inherited the national health insurance law from Haim Ramon (who resigned to run the Histadrut) and let it ride.

The health system urgently requires course corrections, is over NIS 1b. in the red, and, unless urgent, painful action is taken, will be mired in deficits, renewed labor strife and shrinking medical ser-

THE HEALTH Ministry is an orphan because anything the next minister does to save the system is bound to be unpopular.

Governments throughout the Western world are struggling with maintaining a balance between Israelis' longevity: names such as strangulated budgets and citizens'

demands for equal access to improved, high-tech medicine. The cost (in the US it has reached 15% of the gross national product) can only rise along with increased public expectation.

The ministry's budget is huge --but, unlike in the Religious Affairs Ministry, the minister cannot divert it as he wishes. Health Ministry money is largely transferred directly to medical facilities, according to the number of beds or patients. There is little leeway here for a politician who wants to curry Another reason for the ministry's

lack of appeal to politicians is that it isn't a storehouse of appointments for campaign friends who need rewarding. A political back who delivered votes in the last campaign won't be named director of a government hospital or head of the food service division; only professionals can hold such jobs. And most ministry jobs outside the hospitals are so low-paid that

most highly qualified people prefer the private market. Although premier-elect Netanyahu seems to have given lit-Although"

tie thought so far to the Health Ministry, he ought to make sine it is taken over by a serious candidate with aiready-proven administrative experience and political clout. The minister must get along well with both the premier and the

finance minister, who largely decides what the health system will be able to afford. If the system continues to decline

and Israelis are denied decent medical treatment, they won't forget come the year 2000. The writer is The Jerusalem

Post's health, science and technology reporter. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the

will certainly not be the whining voices who lost by approximately 55 percent to 45 percent of the Jewish vote. Yes, we unashamedly say the Jewish vote, lest anyone forget that the State of Israel was established as a national homeland for the Jewish

SORE LOSER

vennmnus article by Thomas L. Friedman (The New York Times Weekly Review distributed in The Jerusalem Post of June 3 captioned First, the caption is no great literary brainstorm of Mr. Friedman. In the time spent in Jerusalem, he has clearly been avidly reading the local English-language press, as similar bylines appeared here twice last week, and listening to the local TV and radio, where the griping losers

Are these the fruits of the "two

people after the most indescribably calamity to have ever befallen the civilized world: the Nazi Holocaust. The people voted against a peace that has seen more Israelis butchered in the streets and blown to pieces in buses than were ever killed before the Oslo process started. The people voted against a peace that makes faint-hearts like Thomas Friedman feel they need to cower in out-ofthe-way places and avoid the center of Jerusalem in case another Palestinian suicide bomber immolates dozens more innocents. This is not peace - this is fiction masquerading

implemented peace accords with the Palestinians" Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahn is inheriting? A full peace with Egypt - a country that publicly attacks Israel. Lowlevel negotiations with Syria - a country that will reluctantly agree to consider abandoning its life's ambi-

tion of wiping Israel off the map if Israel will unconditionally relin-quish the same Golan Heights the Syrians mercilessly bombarded us from before they started the 1967

the inheritance Friedman seems so proud nf? Mr. Friedman, it is you who must confront the truth. Cease playing the part of a bitter old widow and wake up to the fact that there is no real peace. All your arguments, including shamelessly using the Rabin murder, which Shimnn Peres to his great credit refused to do, prove your point. Your cries are those of a sore loser with the defeated political

war they subsequently lost. Is this

GRAND RABBI LEVI Y. HOROWITZ. The Bostoner Rebbe, the Council of Torah Sages in Israel

philosophy of Meretz and the ultra

left; defeated at the polls in the only

democratic nation in the Middle

Scribes were a cut above the rest of Assyrian society

FATHER who wanted his son to get ahead in ancient Nineveh couldn't send him to law school. But if the father was a scribe - a member of the elite scholarly class - he could pass on his knowledge to his son, thus assuring him a place at the top of Assyrian society.

Historian Giovanni Lanfranchi has a deep affinity for these scholars of old. He's an expert ou neo-Assyrian texts of the first millennium BCE, in the department of antiquity sciences at the University of Padua. We are the descendants of these scholars," he said with a laugh as he leafed through his well-thumbed copy of texts during an interview in Jerusalem,

They even had their own god, who originated Babylonia. His was the task of writing down the destinies of the universe and of humanity, and he was also the patron of the scribal art. According to Lanfranchi, the king gave property, and sometimes money, to his scribes. "We don't know if the king's gifts were large or small," he said, but clearly, some of the scribes were left dis-

One, a personal counselor to the king, complained that everyone had received gifts hut he had received nothing. Later, he thanked the king for a gift, but complained that now his son was dying of hunger. "Why then must I and my son... be restless and depressed amid the other schol-

Then the son, a scribe and perhaps also a doctor, wrote to ask for a job, but couched his request in a long lament. "Why did the king summon another exorcist while had to take to the desert road because of people asking me, 'Why do you go on foot?' People pass my house, the mighty on palanquins, the assistants in carts, the juniors on mules - and I have

These texts, in wedge-shaped cuneiform letters, exist because the scribes didn't live at court, and so had to communicate with the king in writing, Lanfranchi said. They are tantalizing because they give us such startling human detail and also enable us to understand a great deal about the structure of the empire. For example, the amount of information flowing to

the king indicates that he exercised strict control over many aspects of administration, including the scribes' work.

At the same time, however, there are great gaps in this understanding, and just as those ancient scholars tried to predict the future with the help of their sacred texts, today's scholars can only form conjectures as to the past, with the help of those same texts and the support of archeological findings. Lanfranchi, 47, was a classical scholar before he started delving into texts in neo-Assyrian, the dialect of Akkadian used in Assyria in the first millennium

As a Greek historian I began to understand that Greece got something important from the East," he said. He was here recendy for an

In an empire remembered for its military might, intellectuals were among the elite, but the king kept them in check, historian Giovanni Lanfranchi tells Esther Hecht

international symposium entitled Capital Cities: Urban Planning and Spiritual Dimensions, held at the Bible Lands Musenm Jerusalem_

The king received important services from the scribes in return for his munificence. The Assyrians believed the welfare of the kingdom depended on the king's punctilious moral behavior and correct worship of the gods, so it was necessary to keep referring to the texts for the details. Also, since dreams were regarded as portents, interpreting the king's dreams was cru-

We know of a similar situation from Genesis 41, in which Joseph's correct interpretation of the pharaoh's dreams catapults him to a position of power. In Assyria, the scholars had to say whether a given dream concerned state affairs or the correct behavior

In his own inscriptions, King Assurbanipal (reigned 669 to 631/627 BCE) talks about personal dreams sent by the gods. Once, for example, he dreamed Ishtar gave him approval and would march at his side in battle. Many events could hold clues to the future, the Assyrians believed. In a letter, the king asks scholars the meaning of a mongoose passing between his legs while he was walking in the garden.

er, was a certain configuration of the stars and planets. A lunar eclipse when neither Jupiter nor Venus was visible meant the king was about to die. To avert the divine wrath he had to perform a peculiar ritual: He had to take on the life of a humble laborer - a gardener, for example - while a substitute king was enthroned and then killed in his stead. Only after 100 days could the king return to

The scribes were also the keepers of the knowledge of the god Assur, "a curious god, with no personification, who appears in Assyria in the ninth century BCE. He is the nation and the town, and very different from contemporary gods," Lanfranchi said. His sole function was to help the king, and

know about him.

According to Lanfranchi, the greatest and most dramatic expansion of Assyria - making it the largest empire in the Near East up to that time - occurred in less than 100 years, between the middle of the eighth and the middle of the seventh centuries BCE. Though we generally associate Assyria's achievement with its well-trained army and inflexible imperialistic attitude, it couldn't have been accomplished without an efficient state organization and a highly specialized bureaucracy.

Nineveh (just north of today's Mosul, in northern Iraq) was the last capital of this empire. This city, which the biblical prophers referred to as a "whore" and "cunning witch," was a great cosmopolitan metropolis, Lanfranchi said. Of the 50,000 texts found there, 6,000 are connected with official bureaucratic activities. Nearly half, however, are scholarly treatises, dealing with such subjects as mathematics, medicine and language, as well as the predictive sciences, astrology and exuspicy (divination from animal entrails).

Most of the texts are labeled as belonging to the Palace of Assurbanipal, or as being the king's private property. Some colophons (labels) say the texts were written by the king himself. These include letters from the king to the gods; there are even replies from the gods to the king.

Though Assurbanipal earned, in collecting texts he was following royal tradition in Assyria, Lanfranchi said. And like previous kings, he probably acquired some of them as war booty, mainly from Bahylon, Many theories have been put forth as to why Assurbanipal created such an extensive royal library. Lanfranchi doesn't dismiss them out of hand, but suggests that Assurbanipal's purpose was probably to update and collate the existing body of knowledge.

Once Assyria and Bahylonia were joined, he wanted to join their scholarship too. The new editions became the highest scholarly standard. But they also represented the conquest of Babylonian cul-ture. Lanfranchi concludes that Assurbanipal's patronage of scholarly work led to culture and art being intimately connected with the art of government.

What the kings left behind

INSTEAD of affixing huge donors' plaques to the temples they built, the kings of the ancient Near East inscribed their dedications on tablets and buried them in the walls. Their concern was that they be remembered in the future, especially by later generations of kings. Now we are that

For us, the inscribed tablets are time capsules from the distant past, telling us how those monarchs saw themselves and their relations with their gods. Cone-shaped, hexagonal and barrel-shaped, they are among the items on show in a fascinating exhibition at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem.

Jerusalem - A Capital for All Times, Royal Cities of the Biblical World displays eight great capitals of the ancient Near East, which have been reconstructed in historically accurate models. According to exhibition curator Joan Goodnick Westenholz, the cities selected met five conditions. They are historically important, have been excavated, had a relation to the Bible, are connected to the history of this area, and had defined boundaries.

Ur, Nmeveh, Babylon, Susa (Shushan): The names conjure up ancient, mythic mystery and splendor. These capitals also had well-developed trade relations, social systems, religions and literatures. And they left behind rich archives, giving us insights into government and society in each, but also shedding light on the origins of the Israelites' language, cul-ture and religious beliefs.

Ur is an excellent example. According to Marcel Signist, of the Ecole Biblique et Archeologique Française de Jerusalem, "It is fortunate for us that the scribes of 2000 BCE were so enthusiastic about recording everything that happened in their office, since their labors have given us so much information about their society."

Besides intriguing texts, the magnificent artistic items include two creatures – the snake dragon and the storm god – portrayed in brilliantly colored tiles, from the Ishtar Gate of Babylon, Of the eight cities, Akhetaten (Egypt, mid-14th century BCE) is the one that can be most fully reconstructed because it was the capital of the pharaoh Akhenaten for

only 15 years. He built it to worship a single god, the Aten, and no one built over it.

Among the finds there, the name "Jerusalem" appears in cuneiform leners written by the king of Jerusalem to pharaohs Amenhotep III and Amenhotep IV (Akhenaten). The models are built to a scale of 1:500, depicting each city at a specific time to give insight into one period. The exhibition progresses chronologically, beginning with Ur and ending with David's Jerusalem (600 BCE). Ur and Jerusalem, relatively small cities, are shown in their entirety.

But only parts can be shown of the larger cities, like Nineveh, which the Bible describes as being so hig it would take three days to walk across it. The exhibition catalog, in English, has contributions by Israeli researchers and scholars from around the world and is a rich introduction to the ancient Near East. The posted explanations of the exhibits, in English and Hebrew, are clear and useful.

But best of all is to see the displays with a museum guide. English and Hebrew tours are available daily. The exhibition is scheduled to run until December 31. For all the splendor of the exhibits, a visitor can't help but be reminded of the conclusion of Shelley's poem,

Nothing beside remains, Round the decay

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away. Of the eight great capitals, only Jerusalem exists today. The answers to how and why the other stars of the ancient Near East expanded and then imploded hold important lessons for



The cuneiform inscription on a statue of a worshipper dedicates the statue to the goddess Ninsubur.

Albanian'vowed virgins: Born women, they are the men about the house

EEP in the barren mountain region of northern Alhania, a group of women cling to an ancient tradition as old as the blood fends that have returned to haunt this tiny comer of the Balkans.

When searing poverty, war and hloody vendettas and feuds wiped out the male line of a family, women - sometimes even girls took control of the household. They are known as the "vowed

virgins" of Albania. When a girl adopts the mantle of paterfamilias, she cuts her hair short, dresses as a boy and takes on a man's job, which can mean back-hreaking work toiling in the

With a fervor similar to that of an order of nuns, the "virgins" stick to the unwritten rule which requires them never to marry or

have children. What surprises the outsider is that the men and village elders in this staunchly chauvinistic society accord the "virgins" all the rights and privileges of fellow males -no bar falls silent when one of the women walks in for a glass of throat-scorching raki (local hrandy), they negotiate deals on behalf of the family, and they are consulted on village affairs.

Lula Ivanaj is one such woman. At the age of 15, her destiny was laid before her. She willingly accepted her widowed mother's plea to head the family of 10 daughters and one son. The boy was considered too weak to take on the job.

"l am never regarded as a woman but as a man," said Lula, 41, sitting in the one-room home of her elder sister in the rural town of Bajza, 140 kilometers north of the capital Tirana.

Usually if the men have been killed either through war or blood feuds, then a woman has the

STEVE PAGANI

power to take over the defence of the family," said the chain-smoking Lula.

Historic family vendettas and feuds have made a comeback since the communist dictatorship collapsed in 1990, and the Bajza area is serious blood-feuding

Lula's sister, Marije, herself a mother of 11 children, and other female family members, wear long dark dresses, black scarves or white headwraps characteristic of the region. But Lula wears a sweatshirt and trousers.

"I've never worn a dress or scarf. At weddings and on special occasions, I put on a suit, shirt and tie," Lula said with a loud laugh, shaking her crop of short, wavy

After years in male company, Lula sits and gesticulates as a man, while her sisters display rural hospitality, offering olives, mutton and bread. Outside, pigs and chickens scratch the earth around fig and plum trees.

"We don't talk about women's subjects. I regard Luia as my brother," said Marije, who had never seen her husband until her wedding day.

Matchmakers had sought Lula as a wife for suitors when she was young, who was originally known as "Lule" but changed her name to the more masculine form of

"I used to run away from the house and hide whenever I saw them coming." she said.

Although Lula knows how to cook and sew, she has spent most of her working life driving a tractor. She is now an experienced welder - a job unthinkable for a "non-virgin" in the region - and

hires out welding equipment to

supplement a meager income. Peasants near the town of Bajza turning the soil with hoe and spade for this year's crop of potatoes and livestock fodder acknowledge the existence of the

'virgins" with a smile. They all knew Dilore, who lived nearby in Suk-Dajc, and was thought to be the oldest "virgin" when she died last year at the age

Some villagers indicated a point beyond the range of gray moun-tains known as the Albanian Alps where the tradition of "vowed virgins" was believed to have origi-

The trek follows a narrow dirt track clinging to the side of a dizzyingly steep mountain. The hairpin bends, absence of safety barriers and the proximity of tyre to sharp drop can concentrate the mind of even the most experi-

enced driver. In Tamare, the main village in the craggy range, locals talk of a place called Kelmendi, a community accessible only hy donkey or four-wheel drive vehicle, as the birthplace of the "warrior virgin" Nora - a legendary heroine who for a time fought back the Turks in

the 17th century Folklore has it that a conquering Ottoman pasha wanted Nora of Kelmendi for his wife.

Instead, she stabbed him to death, fled into the hills and, like a latter-day Boadicea, led local resistance against the occupying

She was eventually caught, hut the Turks, acknowledging her status, accorded her the "privilege" of being executed as a man.

Lula recalls the story of Nora of Kelmendi and is proud. "I started my career as a boy and my life will end as a man," she said. (Reuter)

Crayons are not as innocent as they look

HE-US Health Department recently warned once again crayons and advised consumers uot to buy crayons or colored pencils made in the Far East. Crayons produced in Korea, Thailand, China and some other places in the Orient have far too much lead, which is used as a color stabilizer,

to be safe. Lead - a very toxic substance is the cause of lead poisoning, which can manifest itself in a variety of forms, some of them hard to detect until the damage to the nervous system is irreversible. This is especially true in the case of children as their nervous systems are in a state of active development. In these circumstances lead poisoning can cause apathy, restlessness, dullness and a defi-

nite lowering of the IQ. Studies have shown that fiveyear-old children found to have increased levels of lead in their bodies were 70 percent more likely to become school dropouts than were children with very low or negative lead exposure. In some cases exposure is so high that it results in severe neurotoxic symptoms including paralysis and even

Lead poisoning did not disappear with the old, lead-lined plumhing that contaminated the water supply, the leaded paints from glazed dishes that contaminated food, soldered teapots that contaminated beverages, and the ubiquitous exhaust furnes from

poisoned the air around us. Today's danger threatens not only small children who chew on waxy crayons, but also older children who are prone to lick the tip of the crayon to get a sharper point or a deeper color.

In a series of tests performed hy the US government, it was found that more than 70% of crayons from Taiwan and other Far Eastern countries exceeded the permissible levels of lead by as much as 200-300%. The reason is that lead is cheap. And it is easier to get sharp definitive colors in wax-based pencils and crayons if a lead substrate is added, which renders the manufacturing

process easier and cheaper. The tests also covered a wide range of crayons manufactured in the US and in Western European countries, and found that none of the crayons tested showed any sign of lead contaminants. But they were, the testers added, all more expensive than those from the Far East.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Knesset defers \$50m. guarantee request for IAI's Galaxy plane

Knesset Committee deferred a request from Israel Aircraft Industries for a \$50 million government guarantee yesterday, saying it first wanted to see the Chief Scientist's evaluation of the pro-

IAI needs the guarantee for a deal it is now negotiating with an American firm to produce and market its Galaxy executive aircraft. Under this deal, IAI and the American firm would set up a partnership, which would fund continued development of the plane by IAI. The partnership would have exclusive rights to market both the Galaxy and an earlier IAI executive plane, the

After the deal was signed, the American firm would provide IAI with \$50 million to fund production of the Galaxy. The partnership would then order eight Galaxy planes from IAI.

IAI would have to deliver the first plane - fully approved by the US Federal Aviation Administration – by December 31, 1998. If it failed to meet this obligation, however, it would have to refund the full \$50 million to the American company. The American firm is therefore demanding a \$50 million bank guarantee from IAI, to ensure that it will be able to get its money back if necessary.

However, IAI's financial problems have made the Israeli banks unwilling to give it such a guarantee unless it is backed by the government. The Treasury therefore asked the Finance Committee to approve a govern-

ment guarantee, on IAI's behalf. However, the committee said it did not want to decide on this request until the Industry and Trade Ministry's Office of the Chief Scientist completes its examination of the project.

Terlrad signs deal with Myanmar

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TELRAD Telecommunication and Electronic Industries, the manufacturer of telecommunications equipment and systems, bas signed an \$8.5 million contract with the govemment of Myanmar (Burma) to provide and install digital public switchboard systems.

According to the agreement, Telrad will supply four TMX-100 switchboards. The switchboards will be installed in Rangoon, the capital; in Mandalay, the country's second largest city; and in two cities in the south.

General manager Bezalel Levin said the contract is in line with the company's efforts to increase

exports and expand its activities

After the system's installation, an additional 5,000 telephone lines will be added to the 55,000 lines Telrad has already supplied Myanmar. Today, there are a total of 160,000 phone lines in

Telrad's first agreement with Myanmar was signed in 1984 as part of a World Bank project. Since then, the company has signed several agreements, including a \$9m. contract about one year ago.

In 1995, Telrad's sales increased 14% to NIS 1.26 billion, half in

Council petitions against Ben-Gurion 2000

The Lod Valley Regional Council yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against various aspects of the Ben-Gurion Airport 2000 project. The petition demanded that four members of the National Planning Board be barred from participating in meetings to approve the plan, because they were actively involved in preparing it, and therefore bave a conflict of interest. The petition also charged that the environmental impact study for the plan was faulty, and should therefore be rejected.



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Union leaders oppose privatization plans

THE Histadrut yesterday convened hundreds of workers representatives from all the government corporations at its Jerusalem headquarters, to coordinate moves against the new government's privatization

Reports yesterday that Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel had been appointed finance minister increased the unions' fears that the government would implement its privatization plans at the expense of the workers.

Histadrut and union leaders said yesterday that privatization has led to the dismissal of hundreds of workers and the violation of the wage and pension rights of those who remain employed.

TAAS-Israel Industries Union chairman Haim Zweig said "privatiMICHAL YUDELMAN

zation has one meaning dismissals. Privatization so far has not given any worker anything beyond firing, wage reductions and canceling acquired rights and benefits. We, who were elected by the workers, are charged with preserving their rights. In view of the experience in recent years, we will not allow the elimination of organized workplaces, the elimination of their representative unions and the inevitable attempt to destroy the Histadnut."

The union representatives approved a document setting out principles for privatization," which the Histadrut leadership had formulated earlier in the morning

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz read out the demands listed in

demand to negotiate the sale of a corporation with its unions and the Histadrut before the tender for the sale of a company is published.

We also demand that the workers' take part in the company's purchase, that a worker who decides to leave due to the sale will not lose his or her rights, that the collective wage agreements are preserved under the new ownership and that the intentions of the buyers are looked into, to prevent them from buying the corporation, firing all the workers and selling it as real estate," Peretz said

The Histadrut leadership yesterday decided to form a committee of economic experts and legal advisers to monitor every step of the privati-

Business capital growth in '95 slowed to 8 percent

THE growth in business sector capital yield slowed to 7 percent-8 percent last year, compared to 9% in 1994. the Central Bureau for Statistics reported yesterday. The 1993 figure was 11%. However, capital yield was higher in the last 12 months than in any year from 1986-90.

Business sector labor productivity grew an average annual 1% between 1990 and 1995, according to the CBS. In 1995, the figure rose 1%-2%, after a drop in 1992-94. Over the last six years, labor input rose 7%, with productivity up 8%.

The labor costs for production units as paid by manufacturers in the business sector rose 1% in 1995, after increases of 2%-3% in the previous two years, and after a fall in labor costs in 1990-92. Over the last six years, labor costs per production unit reduced by an yearly

Last year, there was a 76,000 increase in the number of Israelis employed in the business sector, in addition to the high number of foreign workers brought into the

country. This offset the decrease in workers from the territories. As a result of the various changes in the workforce, the total hours worked in the business sector increased by 7%, against the 9% increase in domestic

productivity.

In agriculture, including forestry and fishing, productivity increased 19% in 1995, following smaller rates of growth in the previous two years. The CBS said this was as a result of nature-related fluctuations. The cost-of-living increment accounted for 55% of

salary increases last year. In the industrial sector (excluding diamonds) there

was an increase in productivity by 4% Productivity was down last year in the construction sector, while there was a 14% increase in labor input. As with the business sector, there were increases in numbers of local and foreign workers, but a reduction in those crossing from Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip.

Wages in the public sector rose by 6% last year (excluding security services).

Gov't ordered to raise Nazi victims' allowance

THE compensation that the gover emment pays to Nazi victims willis from now on be 23.76% higher, in response to a High Court of Justice ruling.

The increase, which was approved by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, will be High Court ruled on the maner at the end of February. According to the Treasury, the increase was coordinated with organizations representing the victims.

Finance However, the Committee asked that the Treasury appoint a neutral party to examine the change and make sure that it really fulfills the requirements of the court's rul-

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compensation. However, those

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see, and usually received much? more money than those paid by The ruling was in response to a In February, the court ruled in

the petitioners' favor, saying the reparations agreement had deprived the victims of the right While the court did not obligate the government to equalize the payments totally, it did order the government to increase them in light of the fact that the victims bad been deprived of this impor-Following this ruling, the

Treasury decided to raise the payments by 23.76%, from NIS 25.25 to NIS 31.25 for each percentage point of disability. Thus someone defined, for instance, as 20% disabled, who would formerly have received NIS 505 a month, will now receive NIS 625.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Monday, June 17, 1996

Kibbutz Mishmar David labels to Russia: Migvan Printing, of Kibbutz Mishmar David, recently signed an annual agreement with a Russian food mannfacturer to export eight million labels at a total value of NIS 600,000.

Migvan specializes in the development and production and labels on paper, cloth, cardboard, metals, and plastics. The company said the export order follows the factory's NIS 850,000 investment in advanced printing equipment.

American Express to compensate dissatisfied clients: American Express yesterday announced plans to give 500 points to each customer who does not receive adequate service. The credit card company which started to operate in Israel about a year ago, said 30% of its cards issued are Gold cards, while the remainder are Business

Bank Hapoalim launches promotion campaign: Bank Hapoalim has started a campaign to promote the bank as one suited to its customers requirements. The title of the campaign is "Different banking for different people."

Galit Lipkis Beck for different people."

Banks' Friday closure at anti-Trust court GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Israel Consumer Council plans to appeal to the Anti-Trust Court against the commercial banks' plans to close branches on Friday.

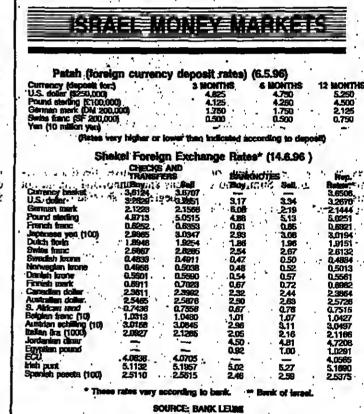
The council said that the Anti-Trust Law is intended to prevent cartels, and that the banks' intention to close on Friday is a cartel arrangement, which prevents free competition in the banking

Last week the banks' appealed to the Anti-Trust Court with a request to approve the bank's move to a five-day work week, which would mean closing the branches on Fridays. The court is expected to approve the request on condition that it is not harmful to the general public. Council chairman Zvi Ramot Miri (15)

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said the banks' plan is in fact damaging the quality of bank services, since a high percentage of the public does its banking on Fridays, which is a day off for many people.

The banks are expected to elose the branches on Friday within a few months of receiving . the courts' approval. All of the banks' foreign currency trading rooms will remain open Fridays.



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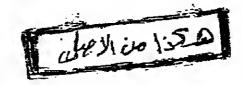
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Precious metals mixed on silver bounceback COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals futures closed mixed on Friday, as silver posted a huge bounce up a half hour before the close, led by fund buying and short covering.

Mucb of the activity in silver was prompted by Friday's expiration of July opcions.

The other metals followed silver back in its late-day rally. August gold closed up 60 ceots at \$387.10; July silver closed up 12.2 cents at \$5.172. July platinum closed up 10 ceots at \$395.80, and September palladium closed up \$1.30 at \$132.05.

Copper trading was roiled on Friday by · Sumitomo Corporation's surprise announcement that it had lost \$1.8 billion in unauthorized copper trades made by Yasuo Hamanaka (aka "Mr. Copper"), who has been considered the largest central player and the most respected broker in the field for the past 10 years. Hamanaka was the former head. copper trader for the Sumitomo Corporation. He was reported to have received large credit lines that enabled him to hide losses from bis employers for many

The losses were thought to have occurred over a 10-year period, with the majority occurring during the last year.

Copper is the third most-used industrial metal in the world and is used in nearly every industrial segment, including antomobile wiring, homes, consumer appliances, and other electrical components, and traders are concerned about the stability of copper: prices as a whole in view of Hamanaka and Sumitomo's

demise. : High grade copper futures closed sharply lower after hang-ing on at lower levels for most of the day. A decrease in London Metal Exchange (LME) copper stocks went largely ignored, being dwarfed by the Sumitomo news. July high-grade copper futures closed down 1,030 basis points at

Grain futures closed lower, pressured by favorable weather forecasts for both corn and wheat, sources said.

Corn settled sharply lower in the nearby contracts, while deferred futures closed slightly lower to

Wheat futures settled lower amid forecasts for favorable weather in both northern Plains spring wheat areas and in the southern Plains where the winter

wheat harvest is under way. July wheat futures settled 83/4 cents lower at \$4.96 per bushel and July corn futures settled 81/4 cents lower at \$4.685 a bushel.

Soy complex futures closed mixed, with soybeans mostly lower, soymeal mixed and oil lower. The dominant force in the market was an improving weather outlook, especially for eastern areas of the Corn Belt, which cast a negative price tone over the market, sources said.

July soybean futures settled 3/4 cent higher at \$7.6975 a bushel. Cotton futures settled mixed in Friday's session, with the July contract ending weak but off the daily lows on late short covering. The day's lower acoon was primarily the result of followthrough technical weakness in the

market, sources said.
Potential US-China trade disputes, high domestic cotton stocks, and forecasts for higher Chinese cotton production was reported to have weighed on the

market as well. July settled at 76.29 cents, a loss

of 78 points. (Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.)

Court registers firm carved from Gdansk shipyard

GDANSK, Poland (Reuter) - A Polish economic court on Friday registered a new firm. Nowa Stocznia Gdanska Sp zoo, which managers of the failing Gdansk shipyard have formed in a bid to salvage part of their enterprise from bankruptcy.

But workers spurned the management plan to set up a new company to lease 60 percent of Stocznia Gdanska SA's assets and hire 3,000 of its 7,000 workers before the debt-burdened yard files for bankruptcy by the end of next week.

Jobs, currency, and future Inflation fears set for EU summit

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - European Union leaders will focus on jobs, the single currency and the EU's long term future this week - if they can push the row over British beef off the

British Prime Minister John Major says be will make the ban - imposed in a health scare over mad cow disease - the main issue at the semi-annual summit unless a program to end it is agreed.

But many EU officials predict the European Commission will come up with a way to defuse the row before or at the Friday-Saturday meeting in Florence.

If so, the leaders will be able to sit down to the longer term issues facing the 15-nation Chief among these is unemployment, currently around 18 million people, or close to 11

percent of the EU workforce. Although summit after summit has shown that there is oot much the EU can do as a whole for jobs - the issue being mainly one for

national governments - Italy has made the

cod-of-presidency summit.

"Even if unemployment remains within ... the domain of member states, Europe can't be indifferent," European Commission President Jacques Santer said Saturday in Madrid.

fight against joblessness the ceoterpiece of its

The main jobs proposal to be discussed at the summit is Santer's so-called "confidence pact," a plan calling in part for flexible working hours, designed to boost EU citizens' faith in the bloc's economic recovery and future. EU labor ministers, union bosses, and

employers' groups agreed an initial plan for the summit on Saturday, calling for a jobs-orientated economic policy across Europe, compleoon of the internal market, and labor reform. Plans to create a single EU currency will also feature high on the Florence ageoda, with the leaders getting a report from the European

tion of the Euro, as the currency will be The leaders will also be presented with a report from the European Monetary Institute,

World metal traders concerned

about Sumitomo sells

Commission on preparations for the introduc-

the precursor of a European central bank, on the relations between those currencies inside a monetary union and those outside.

The so-called "ins and outs" problem was long considered one of the greatest hurdles in a monetary union, with many envisaging Europe solit between a central currency and an outer core capable of boosting competitiveness through devaluation.

But EU finance ministers and central bankers agreed a plan in April for a post-single currency grid that would give a European central bank a prominent role in initiating changes in the rates among currencies outside the single currency.

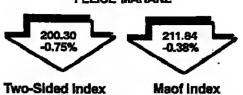
EU leaders are expected to approve the work with a view to securing agreement on a new exchange rate mechanism and currency pact at the EU summit in Dublin in December.

The Florence summit's third main issue is the future of the bloc itself. The leaders are expected to try to give a boost to the inter-govemmental conference (IGC), the bloc's ongo-

push stocks down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCK indexes fell yesterday amid concern inflation was iocreasing after Friday's report that the consumer price index had

Share indexes fell more than 5 percent in early trading, before investors began to speculate that prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu had asked Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel in serve as finance minis-

In late trading, shares rebound-ed, with the Maof Index closing down 0.38% at 211.84 and the Two-Sided Index falling 0.75%, to 200.30.

"People were talking about Frenkel as finance minister," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at the Tel Aviv investment firm Zannex Securities. "Frenkel's appointment would be the best thing for the economy."

Of 991 shares trading across the exchange, nearly four times as many shares fell as rose. Some NIS 70.1 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 14m. above last Thursday's level.

Gaining shares included Elite Industries, which rose 3%. Investors are optimistic that the company's new chief executive officer, Amikam Cohen, will raise

profits, said Nahum. Other gaining shares included Tadiran, which rose 2.5%; Israel Chemicals, which rose 1% and ICL subsidiary Dead Sea Works, which rose 0.75%.

Declining shares on the Maof Index included Teva, which fell 2% following declines in its American Depositary Receipts traded on Wall Street. Teva's

Friday. Koor fell for a third trading day declining 0.5%. Koor also fell following declines in its ADRs. which dropped to 175/8 on

ADRs declined to 431/2 on

Friday. Early in the day, investors sold shares amid concern inflation was increasing.

The inflation increase is seen as prompting the Bank of Israel to

ift interest rates. Pessimism prompted by the CP1 was offset by the reports about Frenkel's appointment, said Nahum. Frenkel has repeatedly called for budget cuts and emphasized the need for "a tight stance" when it comes to monetary poli-

"Frenkel's appointment will be good for the economy and for the market," said Nahum, "The first thing on his agenda will be a lower inflatioo."

Also offsetting losses, said Nahum, was the announcement that Israel's M1 money supply fell an unexpected 0.7% in May from April, according to figures released by the Bank of Israel.

including the company's own tial that copper prices fell by about 25 percent in recent weeks Sumitomo has signaled it does due largely to persistent rumors ho not plan any major market moves in the copper market as the combad resigned from the firm. Sumitomo president Tomiichi pany comes under scrutiny from

TOKYO (Reuter) - World copper market traders were braced yesterday for a nervous week over the Sumitomo rogue trading scandal, with uncertainty rampant about how the giant Japanese trading house would try to minimize its

Japanese traders said the key factor in the market in the coming week would be if Sumitomo put out a rash of sell orders to protect itself from the huge long positions it holds on copper contracts.

Sumitomo Corp revealed last-Thursday it had lost \$1.8 billion over a decade from unauthorized. copper trades, primarily by its star trader Yasno Hamanaka,

Hamanaka was once dubbed "Mr. Five Percent" because his

Yugoslavia's black economy,

booming under sanctions, cost the

state around \$5 billion over the

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said on Friday.

trol five percent of the world's copper trade. He was so influen-

trading team was believed to con-

Akiyama said on Friday the company wanted to do all it could to stabilize copper prices, but traders said the company also had to look after its own interests and those of its shareholders.

Trading in Sumitomo shares was suspended all day on Friday in Tokyo and the bourse will give its judgment today., However most analysts believe

the company's share price is

unlikely to to be hard hit because

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regulators in Japan, Britain, and "We hold positions in the market, but have oo immediate plans to liquidate the loogs. We hope the copper market will stabilizes and regain order," Akiyama told a news conference last Friday when

the trading house can easily absorb the loss through its assets,

the company announced its losses But most traders said the comment was not strong enough to cool down growing fears of heavy selling orders from Sumitomo.

1993, crippled the Yugoslav econ-

omy and pushed its gross domes-

tic product to half its pre-war

The institute's figures take no

account of the government's con-

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black market and its ability to

levy border taxes on imports which broke sanctions.

1991 level.

"Sumitomo still holds many long orders and some are optionsrelated. A key point is when and bow they will liquidate them," one Japanese metal trader said.

*Copper prices may crash again if they start liquidating long posidons. The world metal market will remain very nervous in the near term," another metal trader said. Sumitomo estimates its \$1.8

billioo loss on the latest prices of the world copper market. But a company spokesman said that if the market fluctuates wild-

ly, the losses may grow further. On Friday, the London Metal Exchange's (LME) copper prices plunged to a two-year-low of \$1,860 per too but recovered later

Swiss government offers bill on telecoms reform

BERNE (Reuter) - The Swiss government asked parliament on Friday to approve a bill liberalizing the domestic telecommunications market in step with similar

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plans in the surrounding European The Federal Council, or cabi-. net, presented the draft to parlia-

is expected to take about one year. The bill, meant to take effect at ne EU liberalizes its communication market on January 1, 1998, would lift monopoly rights over telecommunication networks and services

now held by the state ageocy PTT. PTT's telecommunications activioes would be partly privatized in a joint stock company. Telecom PTT, and the postal business would be split off into a new

state agency.
The goal of this reform is to equip the Post and the Telecom PTT with the entrepreneurial abilities necessary for success amid increasingly tough national and

intercacional competition," a cabinet statement said. lt said an open market was

needed to guarantee modern ment where the approval process ... telecommunication services and strengthen Swiss companies for competition on the world market. The bill foresees the fed

government retaining a controlling stake in Telecom PTT, while a minority would be sold to private investors.

Full privatization of Telecom is

Full privatization of Telecom is not anticipated as this would require a change to the Swiss constitution, a very lengthy process.

Switzerland took a first step to loosening its telecommunications law io 1991, allowing private companies to offer some kinds of data transmission. But the PTT still holds a monopoly over most still holds a monopoly over most voice transmission and the cellular phone network.

Ferruzzi looks to the future with new name

MILAN (Reuter) - Italy's troubled industrial holding group Ferruzzi Finanziara signaled a further stage in its recovery on Saturday by hinting at oo more losses for 1996, while streogthening its board and even changing its name.

Shareholders of the debt-ridden group voted at its annual share-holders meeting to break the last link with the Ferruzzi family and change its name to Compagnia di Partecipazioni Assicurative ed Industriali Spa, or the abbreviafion Compart.
The sprawling group which

almost collapsed under a mountain of debt in 1993 along with its sister company Montedison, said profits were ahead of its internal plan and added three leading Italian industrialists to its execuove board.

The board is to be expanded to eight from five with Italians Ruggero Brunori, Loris Fontana, and Giuseppe Gazzoni Frascara joining along with the Spanish Duke of Huescar. Giorgio Rossi left the board to become the chairman of Gemina.

Ferruzzi chairman Luigi Lucchini told shareholders this marked a new beginning for the company, with all three Italian industrialists having shares in the group and looking to buy further supportive stakes.

Ferruzzi is still 70 percent owned by a group of rescue banks, and Lucchini boped this was a move to create a strong group of stable shareholders to assist in its rescue plan. Lucchini and a group of investors already have a 1.5 percent stake in Ferruzzi with similar aims.

The once all-powerful Ferruzzi family lost command of the group in 1993, after banks stepped in following the discovery of huge hidden losses at the

The Ferruzzis, until the collapse of the firm one of the wealthiest and most glamorous families in Italy, were forced by creditor banks to cut all links with the foods-to-chemicals holding

giant in 1994.
"The radical but not physiological changes seen in the firm represent a definitive break with the past," Lucchini said.

Shareholders questioning the chnice of a rather uninspiring name were told by Lucchioi that the name Compart already existed within its chemical company Montecatini.

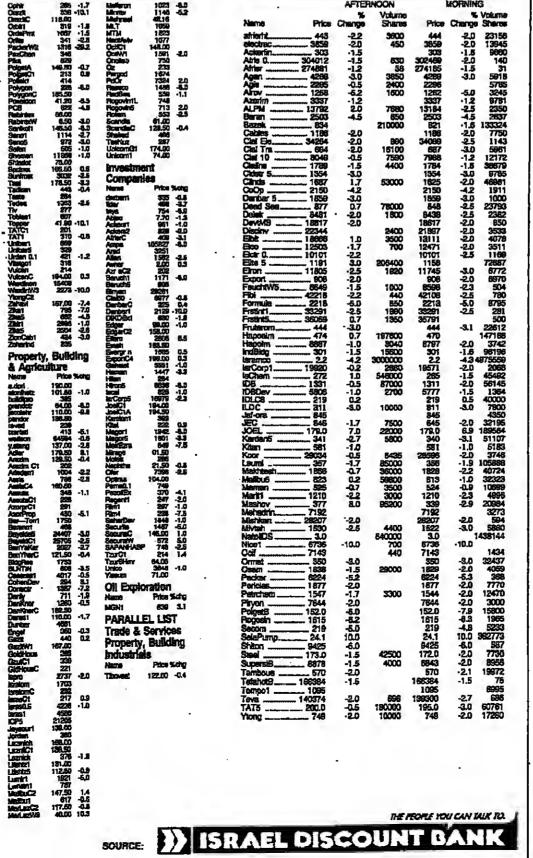
Ferruzzi through its 32 percent stake in Montedison has interests in agro-industry, energy, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals and has direct stakes in insurance and building firms.

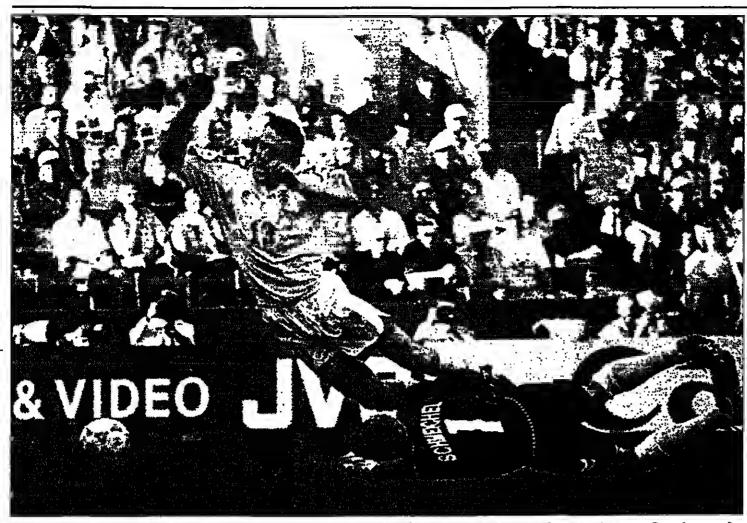
Group managing director Enrico Bondi said the company had expected in stay in the red last year, but had instead turned in a \$7.1 million net consolidated net

He hinted that Ferruzzi, at the parent company level, would not he in the red in 1996 after losing 350 billion lire in 1995.

The group revealed that its leading shareholder Mediobanca which had increased its stake earlier this year to 15.26%, while among Mediobanca's traditional allies Credito Italiano had 9.36%. Banca di Roma 9.22%, and Banca Commerciale Italiana 3.51%.

The former leading shareholder and Italy's biggest bank San Paolo, which had disagreed with Mediobanca on the future for Ferruzzi and wanted it sold off, held a 8.25% stake.





NICE TRY - Denmark goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel (r) tackles Mario Stanic of Croatia during last night's game. Croatia scored a

Croatia first team to qualify

LONDON (AP) - Juergen Klinsmann scored twice and set a European Championship record on his belated Euro 96 debut for Germany yesterday. But even he was outshone by Croatia's Davor

Suker also scored twice but almost scored an audacious third with a 50-yard lob as debutant Croatia beat defending titlist Denmark 3-0 to became the first team to qualify for the last eight of the competition.

Germany, which downed Russia 3-0, is almost there too. Only a loss to Italy Wednesday by more than two goals and a Czech victory over the Russians will stop the two-time titlist making it to the last eight.

Suker, who plays for Sevilla in Spain but is set to move to Real Madrid next season, fired Croatia ahead from the penalty spot after 52 minutes at Hillsborough after goalkeeper Schmeichel bad brought down Mario Stanic.

Igor Stimac shot against the Danes' crossbar and Brian Laudrup hit the Croatian post a minute later before AC Milan star Zvonimir Boban sslid in to turn a low cross from Suker into the net 0 minutes from the end.

Then came Suker's own oneman show. He saw Schmeichel off his line and fired a 50-yard leftfoot shot that the Danish keeper managed to keep from going in underneath the crossbar.

And minute from time, he collected a long, crossfield pass from Aljosa Asanovic and lobbed the ball over the advancing Schmeichel into an unguarded net for the third.

The Croats now have a maximum six points from two games and cannot be caught by the teams in third and fourth place. Denmark can still make it to second but only if they beat already Turkey Wednesday and Portugal, which has four points, slips up against Croatia.

Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium, Klinsmann became the first player in the history of the European Championship to score in three different tournaments, having netted also in 1988 in Germany and '92 in Sweden.

Is sounded so straightforward but the Russians had the chances to make it all go wrong before the Germans scored. Ilia Tsymbalar shot against the

right hand post after seven minutes with goalkeeper Andreas Koepke motionless. And, seven minutes before half time, the Russians had a 3 on 1 situation in front of the German goal but Alexander Mostovoi's shot was blocked by Koepke and Igor Kolyvanov fired the follow up shot into the crowd instead of into

Sweeper Mathias Sammer moved up to fire the Germans ahead from Andreas Moeller's incb-perfect through ball in the 56th minute and Klinsmann, who

missed the 2-0 victory over the Czecbs becanse of suspension, struck twice in the final 14.

The German captain collected a pass from the right, spun past a defender and struck the ball almost nonchalantly past Russian goalkeeper Dmitri Kharin with the outside of his right foot.

Only seconds from the end, substitute Stefan Kuntz robbed Yuri Nikiforov of the ball and played a short pass to Klinsmann, who had only Kharin to beat with another

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Lehman leads at US Open

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI (Reuter) - Tom Lehman, seeking his first major golf title, overcame an early stumble to take a twoshot lead into the final nine holes of the US Open championship at Oakland Hills yesterday.

Lehman posted three birdies against a lone bogey on the front side to stand four under par for the tournament.

Steve Jones and New Zealand's Frank Nobilo were tied for second place at two under par. Jones, playing with Lehman, strung eight pars before making birdie at the ninth, while Nobilo birdied the first and eighth holes to move up. Three sbots back was local

favourite John Morse. Lurking nearby the lead were the bigh-powered pairing of Davis Love and Colin Montgomerie, who both stood at even par through 10 holes, four off the pace.

The 37-year-old Lehman began the day with a one-stroke lead over a bunched-up field and promptly fell into a five-way tie with Nobilo, Jones, Love and Woody Austin after a bogey at the first hole, where he drove into the

But Lehman bounced back. The big Minnesotan, who lost a dnel for the 1994 Masters title with Spain's Jose Maria Olazabal and held the third round lead before finishing third at last year's Open, birdied the par-five second after narrowly missing a short

eagle putt.
After reclaiming a one-shot lead

Lebman posted back-to-back birdies at the sixth and seventh holes to reach four under par for the tournament. Birdies were in abundance on the front side yesterday, but the back nine of the course dubbed the "Monster", and its ferocious final five finishing boles, awaited.

Greg Norman made an early charge on the front side, firing four birdies against one bogey on the first seven holes to reach even par and climb within one shot of Lehman at the time.

But the Australian, trying to. rebound from his monumental collapse at the Masters, could not sustain the surge and fell back with bogeys at the eighth and

Manny Ramirez, Carlos Baerga and Jim Thome homered for visiting

Ramirez's homer, a two-run shot off

rookie Brian Bochringer, broke a 2-2 tie in the fourth inning and helped Nagy to his American League-lead-ing 11th victory.

Nagy (11-1) allowed three runs in seven innings to win his eighth straight decision. He yielded seven

hits, walked one and sunck out one.

Baerga homered leading off the sixth and added an RBI single in the

seventh, Albert Belle had an RBI groundout in the third and doubled

ome e run in the fifth, and Thome's

ed for the final two Cleveland runs in

Belle, the focus of unruly fans who

delayed Friday night's game twice by

throwing objects toward the Indians' left fielder, doubled twice in five at-bars and scored a run.

Triple-A Columbus on Friday, made his first start of the season. He

allowed six runs and seven hits in five

Boehringer (0-1), recalled from

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Dodgers turn first triple play since Brooklyn Cleveland 10, New York 3

ATLANTA (AP) - Hideo Nomo pitched six strong innings and the Los Angeles Dodgers turned their first triple play in 47 years Saturday during a 6-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Nomo (8-5) went 61/3 innings, giving up one run on five hits, before leaving with a mild calf strain. In three career starts against the Braves, he has given up only two earned runs in 221/s

Todd Worrell got the last out for his 19th save.

Delino DeShields, Eric Karros, and Mike Blowers each drove in two runs as the Dodgers beat the Braves for the fifth time in eight meetings this year.

Atlanta lost for the fourth time in six games and dropped to 14-12 against the NL West Steve Avery (6-6) lost for the

third time in four decisions. The Dodgers turned their first triple play since they were in Brooklyn in 1949 in the first

inning. After a single and a walk, Chipper Jones hit a pop to short left that shortstop Juan Castro ran down, making a back-to-the plate catch. Both runners had broken on the pitch and were easily dou-

bled up.
Cardinals 4, Mets 2
Rookie Alan Benes, despite giving up three more hits to Jose Vizcaino, combined with Dennis Eckersley to pitch host St. Louis past New York. Vizcaino is 9-for-9 lifetime against Benes (6-4). The hits have come in

three games this season.

Benes pitched 71/s inmings and gave up six hits, winning for the third time in four starts.

Eckersley pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save since coming back from the disabled list Thursday. Eckersley, sidelined with inflammation in his elbow, earned his first save since May 12 and minth overall.

Gary Gaetti hit a run-scoring single

giving him eight RBIa this week. He is batting .476 (10-for-21) with two homers and five runs scored during

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S NL RESULTS: AMERICAN LEAGUE Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 2 San Diego 2, Chicago 1 Colorado 4, Philadelphia 2 Houston 4, San Francisco 3 Pittsburgh 12, Florida 8 Montreal 6, Cincinnati 5 St. Louis 4, New York 2 .652 .631 .492 .477 SATURDAY'S ALRESULTS: Cleveland 10, New York 3 Texas 13, Boston 3 Milwankee 12. Oakland 9

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Nahum triumphs at national athletics championships

HEATHER CHAIT

A real contest developed last night on the first day of the 60th Israel Athletic Championships at Hadar Yosef between triple jumpers Rogel Nahum and Avi Tayari. Nahum, who holds the national record at 17.20 meters, and will jump in Atlanta, was overtaken by Tayari's jump of 16.70, his personal best, but Nahum then surged back to win the event with a jump

Tayari's attempts to clear 16.85 and so join the Atlanta squad came to natight. The much-anticipated fight between pole vaulters Danny Krasnov, national record bolder at

5.75 meters and Constantin

Simyonev did not materialize as

both raked up disappointing SCOTES. Krasnov cleared 5.40 at the first attempt but then failed to pass 5.50 while Simyonev also managed only 5,40.

In the deciding jump-off, it was Simyonev who sailed over the bar at 5.50 to wrest the championship title from Krasnov. Afterwards Krasnov blamed the new track, saying it was not flar and had disrupted his rhythm.

Philip Feingolf won the men's 400 meters burdles in 52.49 seconds and Olga Dogdakov clinched the women's 400m title

The first and second places

among the men's 100 meters went to visitors from the Netherlands, Regilio van der Flot and Frank Peri who helped Kfir Golan sprint to third place in 10.59 seconds. Van der Flot won in 10.38. Edna Lankri was the first Israeli to cross the 800 meters line behind Belgium's Katrien

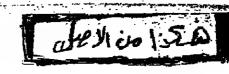
in 1:01.10, her personal best.

Manrui. Lankri's time was 2:04.84. The women's long jump was won by Rima Toresky with her 5.57-meter jump and the women's high jump went to Marina Shafran

who cleared 1.70 meters. Lior Peretz won the men's discus with a throw of 49.30 meters and Ilana Goldberg managed 41.62 among the women. Nahnm was crowned Athlete of

the Year and received a check of NIS 5,000 from Bank Discount. . The championships conclude today with the main attraction, the high jump, which features Constantin Matusevich.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The sixth game of the NRA Finals between Chicago and EDITOR'S POLIS. The state game of the Name of West College Scattle was played after presstime. Chicago went into the game leading 3-2 in the series. Game 7 will be played Wednesday, if necessary.



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TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THE real British prime minister is such a blandly nice guy, that the unter amorality and cold-blood-ed cunning of fictional PM Francis Urquhart (those initials can't be a coincidence) in a BBCproduced miniseries comes as dramatic relief. As played by Ian Richardson, he's got the eyes and the soul of a hooded cobra. In the four-part The Final Cut, starting tonight at 10:05 on Channel 1. Urquhart casts his eye on posterity. A chance to write himself into the history books, not to mention line his own pockets, presents itself with a



Ian Richardson plays a slimy limey, Prime Minister Francis Urquhart, in 'The Final Cut,' at 10:05 p.m. on Channel 1.

possible solution to the division of Cyprus. But a past crime comes back to haunt him. Can Urquhart get away with it yet again?

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** SHANGHAI TRIAD - Chinese director Zhang Yimou's gorgeous new gangster movie is far from the usual Scorsese-styled shoot-'em-up. Zhang skews the genre's typical macho perspective and concentrates only on the perceptions of Shuisheng, a 14-year-old country kid who has been sent to 1930s Shanghai to work as a servant to Xiao (Gong Li), the mistress of the city's most powerful crime boss. With lips and nails painted a violent red, eyebrows plucked into matching Joan Crawford arches, her pretty face twisted to a scowl or opened into a loud, horsey laugh, Xiao's a desperate, larger-than-life character, at once a wicked witch and a queen. Gong is tremendous here, as she shows a whole sad, nasty, wounded range of feelings that have been absent or obscured in the noble ingenue parts she played in Zhang's earlier films. (Mandarin dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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Elliot is hiding (4)

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1 Journey for Arab via South Germany (7)

5 Drake's partner has fabric for the sailors (4) 9 Hurt hand, as result of

getting rash? (4,4,7) when 10 Comfortable firearms are replaced (4) 11 Range abown in this schoolbook? (5)

12 Women's Institute's refusal of alcoholic (4)

15 Corresponded and drew everybody in (7) 16 Boy is the type to make hay

17 I report collepee of old

clown (7)

19 Mortification of King George put in restraint (7)

22 Said to require massage (5) 23 Furniture designer, an original man (4)

26 Behave appropriately, as e singer must (3,3,5,4) 27 A cat may be a tiny thing

28 Refunde in respect of damaged beast (7)

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1 Stay at house for a small charge (4-3) 2 Computer eimulation is almost the genuine article

(7-7)3 Cheat is run out—fine! (4) 4 Helped amateur put on stake (7)

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6 Am unable to show

appointment by special letter (10,4) 13 See runner's headgear (5)

14 Cepital morning, fellow!

17 It holds water for baseball player (7)

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19 He expects payment for old warhorse (7) 20 Arithmetic book? (7) 24 Many damaged the receipt

25 Attempt to knife (4)

SOLUTIONS



ACROSS: 1 Knight, 4 Mayor, 8 Squib, 9 Respect, 10 Evicted, 11 Idle, 12 EM, 14 Bets, 15 Open, 18 Let, 21 Rots, 23 Amault, 25 Scatter, 25 Knave, 27 Suly, 28 Unrest. DOWN: 1 Kismet, 2 Instile, 3 Habitusi, 4 Mess, 5 Yield, 8 Rottes, 7 Crade, 13 Fornaken, 16 Essuiate, 17 Crisis, 19 Tanny, 29 Attest, 22 Trail 24 Stay.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Spirit (4) 3 Tenant (8) 9 Irritate (5) 10 Fine spray (7) 11 Male (3) 13 Appoint (9) 14 Respect (6)

16 Impeded growth 18 Washing powder 20 Poorly lit (3)

22 Shunned (7) 23 Middle Eastern country (5) 25 Wolfram (8)

6 Refrained (9)

7 Bank clerks (7) 8 Coloured (4) 12 Bed attire (9)

17 Interfere (6) 19 Examination (4) 21 Resources (5) 24 Colour (3)

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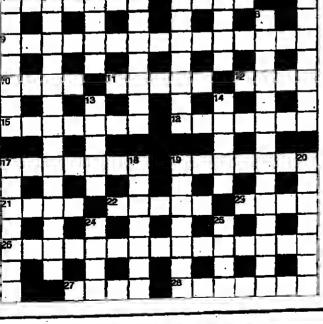
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Court drops one charge against Haggai Amir

THE judges in the conspiracy trial of assassin Yigal Amir, his brother, Haggai, and Dror Adani yesterday dropped a charge against Haggai Amir of plotting to kill terronists released from prison.

The decision came after defense attorney Moshe Meroz argued that a key prosecution witness, Avshalom Weinberg, had himself been charged with plotting to kill Palestinians and therefore could not testify in the conspiracy trial until the end of his own trial.

After some deliberation, Judges Amnon Strashnov, Shelley Timen, and Ze'ev Hammer ruled that, without Weinberg's testimony, prosecution evidence against Haggai Amir on this charge was negligible, and thus ordered the charge dropped.

Yigal Amir was then summoned to the stand and denied outright that his brother had plotted to kill Yitzhak Rabin or to harm Arabs. In a long, animated speech with the eery smile on his face that became known during his murder trial. Amir succeeded in annoying Judge Strashnov several times, especially when he began

delivering political statements.

Amir denied plotting to harm Arabs in the territories or to damage their property. "In fact, I admire the

An angry Strashnov interjected

with: "No, you don't hurt Arabs,

Amir testified after the remaining prosecution wimesses, ballistics expert Chief Supt. Bernard Shechter, bomb squad officer Supt. Danny Dror, and F.-Sgi. Arik Schwartz completed their testimonies. Schwartz was charged in a military court with providing Haggai Amir with ammunition. explosives, and hand grenades, but claimed he had no idea what they

would be used for. "I knew that Haggai's hobby was ammunition and firearms and it was quite natural to pass on such items." said Schwartz, adding that he asked for some items back from Amir.

Regarding Adami, Yigal Amir said he hardly knew him. He had met him during his army service, he said, and had invited him to spend Shabbai with him to introduce him to bis sister.

"My brother is a scientist," Amir repeated over and over again, when asked by prosecutor Penina Guy and defense lawyer Shmuel Fleischman about the huge amounts of animunition and explosives hidden in bis family's Herzliya home. Since we were kids he invented and improvised ammunition. He didn't have an aim. He is just crazy about the subject."

Amir insisted that he "checked oul" Haggai's intentions several times, before he realized that "he was not serious and I had to act

"One night, a long time before Rabin was murdered," testified Amir, "I took [Haggai] past Rabin's house in Ramat Aviv on the way to a demonstration. He said to me, What's this got to do with anything? Drive.' It was then I decided he wasn't serious."

Referring to an improvised silencer made for Haggai by a welder, Amir said they needed it for shooting practice, "so the noise would not disturb people."

"All in all," said Amir, "I wanted to gather people from the university [Bar-Ilan] to make them aware of what was happening to our country following the Oslo A and B agreements, and to organize a kind of civil guard to protect ourselves in the territories. I am not an extremist and I took care to get rid of Kahanists who

wanted to join our group."

Haggai, he added, only organized the logistics and hated the Shabbat gatherings of students and political conversations.

His testimony continues on

Public Defender's Office opens

THE Public Defender's Office was officially opened yesterday by Justice Minister David Liba'i, who installed Tel Aviv University law professor Kenneth Mann as its first director,

The office, located in Tel Aviv's Jewish Agency building, will initially serve the central district. In time, said Liba'i, he hopes anyone in the country who cannot afford a lawyer will be able to be represented by a public defender. Mann first recommended the creation of a Public Defender's Office a

At present, courts may appoint lawyers to the indigent, but this is not mandatory except in cases where defendants face sentences of 10 years or more. However, said Mann, when defendants who cannot afford counsel are charged on counts carrying a minimum five-year senience, the court also may appoint a lawyer. Liba'i and Mann said the financial resources of a suspect or defendant would be examined before appointing a lawyer.

Lawyers in the Public Defender's Office will receive salaries comparable to those in district attorneys' offices, depending on grade and status, said

"In certain cases, where a case of public interest concerns a defendant who has no financial means, we may ask leading lawyers to lend a hand and contribute their services," said Liba'i.



THE rabbinical establishment bas agreed in principle to offer couples the option of signing a prenuptial agreement, which could help many women trapped in broken marriages to obtain divorces more quickly.

In a meeting yesterday with representatives of several women's organizations. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron and Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, administrative director of the rabbinical courts, said the rabbinate would offer couples registering for marriage the option of signing a prenuptial agreement. Under the agreement, should the marriage sour, the husband would be obligated to pay his wife a daily sum from the moment they separated to the day he granted a get (divorce), unless the rabbinical court decreed oth-

The International Coalition of Agunot Rights (ICAR), an

tens of thousands more around the world.

According to Bakshi-Doron, the rabbis agreed in principle to . implement prennptial agreements because denial of a religious divorce is a grave problem for

A rabbinical panel bas been established to deal with specific cases of agunot, and Ben-Dahan asked that difficult cases be referred to him for personal

ICAR's proposal that rabbinical court judges participate in a sem-

Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, nine of hearts, ace of diamonds, and king of clubs. cerned that couples who can't get divorced according to Halacha are turning to the civil courts."

Price of dairy products up by 6.6%

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy, Slight

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis dai-

THE price of milk and dairy products goes up an average of 6.6 percent today, the first price rise in four months, the Agriculture Ministry announced yesterday.

Since the last price hike, the price of cattle feed has gone up considerably, the ministry explained in a statement.

A one-liter bag of milk will now cost NIS 3.27; a liter box of long-life milk, NIS 4.50; 100 grams of butter, NIS 2.17; a container of 9% cottage cheese, NIS 4.10, 9% white spreading cheese, NIS 3.55, and small puddings, NIS 1.24.

During a meeting over the weekend between officials of the Agriculture Ministry, Treasury, and Trava, it was decided to implement the recommendations of a committee heading by Prof. . Yitzhak Swary.

The Swary report suggested establishing a procedure for automatically updating the price of dairy products on a regular basis. It also recommended that Trues or decimal than the statement of th mended that Thuva reduce its employment costs by two percent, and keep separate accounts for its milk division and its other divisions, so as to prevent one division from subsidizing the other. . Jerusalem Post Staff

Boy missing, feared drowned

DAVID RUDGE

WIDESPREAD searches continued last night for Ashto Beina, 9, who went missing from his home in the Neveh Carmel caravan site, just south of Haifa, on Saturday after-

He left home with a friend, apparently to go swimming at the Kamel-beach, opposite Haifa's Matam high-tech industrial zone. The two later split up.

The friend returned home, but Beina did not and his family raised the alarm:

The search, which began on Saturday night, continued yesterday. with the aid of a helicopter, volunteers, and members of the Civil.

Haifa police spokeswoman Supt. Shlomit Minkovski said that there is "growing concern that he may have gone swimming and drowned."



Ben-Yair files complaints against Zucker with Ethics Committee

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair filed two complaints against Knesset Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) with the Knesset Ethics Committee yes-

terday.

Both complaints related to alleged violations of a law governing MKs' rights and responsibilities. MKs cannot be indicted under this law; instead, the law stipulates that violators will be punished by the Ethics Committee.

The first violation related to Zucker's activity on behalf of a non-profit organization called "Oded and Iti," whose goal is to promote photography. By law, an MK is not allowed to lobby a government body on behalf of an organization, or represent an organization in its contacts with

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the government, in exchange for payment.

However, Ben-Yair found that Zucker was on the payroll of 'Oded and Li" during 1993-95, when he helped the organization in its efforts to get funding from the Education Ministry. Zucker received NIS 57,406, not including social benefits, for his first two years' work, and NIS 78,396, not including benefits, for 1995.

In exchange, Zucker, among other things, signed the organiza-tion's 1993 funding application to the ministry, and participated in a 1995 meeting with ministry staffers to discuss support for the organization. The organization wound up receiving NIS 600,000 from the ministry for 1995/96.

EVELYN GORDON Ben-Yair also censured the Education Ministry for its role in the affair, saying its handling of the matter was faulty in several respects.

The second violation related to the annual declaration each MK is required to submit regarding his earnings from non-Knesset work. This statement is supposed to list the MK's gross earnings. However, Ben-Yair found that Zucker listed his earnings from the Camera Obscura Art School, which is run by "Oded and Iti," as only NIS 35,000 in 1995, when his actual gross earnings were NIS 78,396.

Zucker declined to comment on Ben-Yair's decision.

ESTHER HECHT

umbrella organization - thatincludes the world's most powerful women's groups, proposed prenuptial agreements several years ago as a way of keeping more women from becoming agunot - women who cannot obtain a divorce. There are 16,000 agunot in Israel alone, according to Daniela Valency, who heads the Organization to Help Agunot and Those Denied Divorce. The rabbinate claims there are only about 500 Israeli women in this position. Women's organizations estimate there are

world Jewry, too, and we are con-

Another prenuptial solution proposed by Bakshi-Doron was the signing of an irrevocable power of attorney, transferring half the rights to their dwelling

to the partner who is denied a

attention. The rabbis also welcomed

inar on domestic violence. ICAR chairperson Prof. Alice Shalvi said that now that the rabbis had accepted prenuptial agreements, additional means must be sought in the spirit of Halacha to reduce the problem of women denied divorce.

US Jews decry Baptist resolve to convert them

THE United States' largest Protestant denomination resolved at its annual meeting NEOT HAKIKAR last week to intensify its efforts to conven Jews to Christianity, immediately provoking outrage among Jewish leaders, who called TOURING Co. the move offensive and distressing in an era when interfaith understanding seemed to be 2 DAYS PETRA SINAI SAFARI improving. The Southern Baptisi Convention's resoincluding Wadi Rum lution, adopted by a near unanimous show 4 DAYS \$199

of hands in the New Orleans Superdome on \$169 Thursday, calls for the 15.6 million-member denomination to "direct our energies and 5 Star Hotel in Petra resources toward the proclamation of the 02-236262, 03-5225099 Gospel to the Jews."

Earlier last week, the denomination's Home Mission Board appointed a new missionary to the Jewish people, a position vacant for eight years.

Larry L. Lewis, president of the Southern Baptisi's Home Mission Board, said that such steps were necessary now because many Christian leaders - Baptists among tbem - had in recent years abandoned the imperative to proselytize Jews and turned instead to interfaith dialogue.

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"There is a view among some that Jewish people, because they were the sons of Abraham, they were the chosen people, that they do not need to accept Christ - that if they are just good dedicated Jews that is all that is necessary. That is the view even among some Protestanı leaders," Lewis said. We deny that position and we denounce that position. We believe that all people need a personal vital relationship with Jesus Christ."

He pointed out that since 1867, the Southern Baptists had passed 10 resolutions encouraging evangelizing of Jews.

But as word of the Baptists' move filtered out Friday to Jewish leaders and Christians involved in interfaith relations, there was the suspicion that the Baptists had singled out Jews in a way that could be construed as "It seems to us that this is a direct attack

on the Jewish religious tradition," said

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "In the last half century we've been moving toward a position where all major faiths recognize the fundamental integrity of each others' beliefs, and recognize that no major faith has a monopoly on truth ... This undermines the very beart of that."

Since 1928 when the liberal theologian Reinhold Niebuhr first called for respectful "detente" between Christians and Jews, the major Protestant denominations have gradually adopted the approach that converting Jews is unnecessary, said Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee. The Southern Baptists' moves are "a great

seiback," Rudin said.

Rev. Franklin H. Littell, a Methodist clergyman and retired professor at Temple University active in interfaith scholarship, called the resolution "insensitive and pretentions," but questioned wbether the majority of Christians in America would

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